

# TRUTH VS ILLUSION

## LANTERNS FOR THE PATH



## The Illusion of Scarcity

### Illusion Statement

Survival demands hoarding, competition, and compromise.

### Truth Statement

Creation was made abundant; scarcity is engineered through control systems.

### Teaching

Scarcity is the oldest lie — the whisper in Eden that said God was holding something back, that humanity must grasp for what they lack. That lie has echoed ever since, shaping systems of greed, war, and oppression.

But creation itself refutes the illusion. The soil multiplies seed. Rivers flow without ceasing. Orchards overflow year after year. Even the stars spill their light without running out. Abundance is God's design, but counterfeit systems repackage that abundance into chains — money, debt, ownership, and monopoly that trade freedom for fear.

The illusion of scarcity isn't neutral. It manipulates decisions: *"I don't have enough time, money, or energy."* Left unchallenged, it cages the human spirit. But when generosity flows, scarcity is exposed as the fraud it always was.

### Parable — *The Two Orchards*

Two men inherited orchards side by side.

The first feared loss. He built high fences, locked gates, and stationed guards. No one entered. Fruit piled up, fell, and rotted on the ground. Season after season, the orchard weakened.

The second man opened his orchard. He invited neighbors, strangers, and travelers. Some ate, some carried fruit home, others planted seeds in new soil. Every year, his orchard grew stronger, its branches heavy with fruit, its reach extending beyond the land he could see.

One orchard shrank behind fear. The other multiplied through generosity.

## Application

Scarcity shows up in daily whispers:

- *“I don’t have enough time.”*
- *“I don’t have enough money.”*
- *“I don’t have enough to give.”*

But these whispers are engineered illusions. Test them. Act in generosity — with your words, your time, your resources. The moment you give, you will see that the seed leaves your hand but never leaves your life.

## Prayer & Decree

### Prayer:

“Lord, I reject the lie of scarcity. Open my eyes to see Your abundance woven into creation. Teach me to live as a vessel of generosity and trust in Your provision.”

### Decrees:

- My life is not measured by lack but by God’s abundance.
- I will live as a vessel of generosity.
- Scarcity is the lie. Abundance was the design.

## One-Line Seed

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