

Absurdity of Generosity Sowing & Reaping

The law of sowing and reaping is undefeated (2 Corinthians 9:6). While most people believe this principle on some level, applying it to the area of finances and giving often produces awkwardness and uneasiness. At times, we can become so focused on whether the church or others need our money that we miss out on God's heart behind giving and generosity. Scripture is clear that when we are faithful and generous with our finances, God will reward us and bless others through us. That reward and blessing is intricately tied to how we give and our heart as we give rather than to any dollar amount. God calls us to consciously choose to sow into His Kingdom, which exponentially grows and multiplies for generations to come.

GETTING STARTED

If the principle of sowing and reaping is undefeated, is giving liberally or extravagantly in order to receive blessing and reward the right or proper motive? Why is that mentality often sticky, and even controversial, within Christian circles? What do you think is the best and healthiest perspective or motive to giving bountifully?

GO DEEPER

1. From 2 Corinthians 9:6, what does it mean to sow sparingly or generously? What does it look like to sow or give generously apart from any specific amount of money?
2. If the widow in Mark 12:41-43 only gave two small copper coins, but Jesus says she gave more than anyone else there at the temple, what point is He making? Why is our heart behind giving more important than the amount we give?
3. In Matthew 6:19-20, what does it mean to *lay up treasures in heaven*? How do we sow into the Kingdom of God that multiplies in the future?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What does it mean for you to personally give or sow generously? How well do you believe in and embrace the principle of sow and reaping when it specifically comes to your finances?
2. What do you think is your heart or motive in giving, and is it right, good, or cheerful (rather than reluctant or under compulsion)? What might need to change in your heart and motive when it comes to sowing and giving?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, take time to ask God to help you and empower you to sow into His Kingdom, to lay up treasures in heaven. Ask Him to reveal how to do that, and what He may be asking of you specifically. Ask God for greater boldness and courage to become a person that sows generously rather than sparingly.

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