

**Pursuing Prosperity**  
**Matthew 6.33**  
**The Principle of Sowing and Reaping, Part 1**  
**2 Co.9.6-11**

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**REVIEW:**

1. When we give we reverse the curse of poverty!
2. When we give we pay for divine security over our investments! Vs.11

11 "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.

3. When we give we allow God to distinguish between the generous and the selfish!
  - God keeps a record of the times we trust Him.

**Four Keys to Living in Poverty**

1. Refusal to pay tithe and offerings Ma.3.9,10
2. Refusing to pay taxes and/or bills Lk.20.22-25
3. Stealing or purchasing stolen goods Ex.20.15
4. Treating people unkind – people are the “true riches” Lk.16.11,12

**I. The same way you sow is the way you reap!**

- Normally sowing and reaping is perceived as a negative but not written that way. Ga. 6.9

There is nothing in this context to imply that God had anything negative on His mind. He is instructing people to give to their spiritual leaders and He's encouraging them to keep doing what's right until they reap a harvest.

- The way you give out is the way it comes back. Luke 6.38
- The only way to change your reaping is to adjust your sowing.

## **The Principle of Sowing and Reaping**

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#### **II. God loves the cheerful giver.**

- The amount matters but the attitude matters most!
- Attitude is determined by what you purposed to give.
- When your expectation is big your attitude.

#### **III. God makes all grace abound toward you.**

- He will cause your seed to multiply!

This is better than multiplying your harvest

- He will increase the harvest of your righteousness.
- He will enrich you in EVERYTHING!