

Pursuing Prosperity

Matthew 6.33

The Principle of Sowing and Reaping, Part 2

2 Co.9.6-11

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REVIEW:

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/Ps 18:25

25 With the kind You show Yourself kind; with the blameless You show Yourself blameless; NASU

The Principle of Sowing and Reaping Part 1

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1. 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
- The way you give out is the way it comes back. Luke 6.38
- There is only one way to change your reaping - adjust your sowing.

2. 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 is powerful and positive.

The Principle of Sowing and Reaping, Part 2

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Tonight we address the power of expectation. Paul wanted these Corinthian believers to expect that God would reward them for their sowing. He wasn't trying to convince them to give by promising things but rather encouraging those who had already made up their minds! To Galatia he says, "Don't get weary when you're doing well." To the Philippians he said, "God will supply every one of your needs because of your faithfulness."

To these Corinthians he makes the greatest boast!!

God makes all grace abound toward you.

Grace is what is needed to handle every storm in life. Paul knew because of a particular response he had received from God.

1. He will cause your seed to multiply!

This is better than multiplying your harvest... When your seed increases your harvest automatically does!

If how I sow is the only way to change my harvest then this is critical!! Can't hold back seed cause I need more seed.

2. He will increase the harvest of your righteousness.

He not only will increase your seed and resources but He will increase your influence and impact! "A rich harvest from your generosity!"

3. He will enrich you in EVERYTHING! Vs. 11

He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. TEV

- Givers have more good friends!
- Givers have more influence!
- Givers have more fun in life!
- Givers are closer to God! Loves cheerful
- Givers finance God's kingdom! Mt. 6:33

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Prov 30:7-9

7 Two things I asked of You,

Do not refuse me before I die:

8 Keep deception and lies far from me,

Give me neither poverty nor riches;

Feed me with the food that is my portion,

9 That I not be full and deny You and say, "Who is the LORD?"

Or that I not be in want and steal,

And profane the name of my God.

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