



And this gospel of the **kingdom**
will be *preached* in all the **world**.
MATTHEW 24:14

Sowing and Reaping Part II

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Summary

Why do we give of our finances? John 3:16 answers that question. We give because we love. Secondly, we give to get. It is love that motivates us and compels us. But after that, we sow to reap. Why as children of God are we afraid to say that we sow to reap? It seems too selfish. Even God sowed to reap. He gave His son to reap you. You can never sow without reaping. You can never release money without sowing. For everything there is a purpose. The church in Macedonia had a grace upon them. Even though they were in deep poverty, they had a willingness to give. They had a grace upon them to give. They knew the power of entering into partnership with Paul by giving of their finances in exchange for his anointing. We sow to reap a harvest. If you want more, we need to sow more. If you don't expect anything in return you won't get anything in return! Your provision lies in your seed. We work and receive a salary in order to sow! Your work is not for your provision. This is how we can truly say, I sow to live and I live to sow.

A. Why Do We Give of Our Finances?

(Whether it be our tithes, offering, to the poor, to ministries, people. Etc.)

- a. John 3:16 – Answers that question. We give because we love.
 - i. If you do not love, you cannot give. It's the heart of compassion that compels someone to give and to release. God so loved the world that it compelled Him to give His only son.
 - ii. You give because you love. You can't love people if you don't love God. At the beginning of every endeavour to give, it is because of the love that we have for God. Whether it's your tithe, to your pastor, the poor, etc. It's our love for God that compels us to give.
- b. We give to get.
 - i. It is love that is our motivation. It compels us. But after that, we sow to reap.
 - ii. Why as children of God are we afraid to say that we sow to reap? It seems too selfish. We push it away because it seems selfish.
 - iii. Even God gave His son to reap you. Do you think He gave His son and it wasn't in His mind to get anything back? No. You are the purpose that He gave His son. He wanted you redeemed; brought back. He loved us so much and it compelled Him to give, it was motivated by love and the purpose was to bring you back.
 - iv. The natural farmer has no problem saying, "I sow to reap". So why as children of God are we afraid to say that?

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- B. You Can Never Sow Without Reaping
 - a. You can never release money without sowing.
 - b. You don't just do because you do. For everything there is a purpose.

- C. The Church in Macedonia – 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
 - a. They had a grace upon them. (Grace is a power or an ability.)
 - b. They also had trials of affliction and they were in deep poverty.
 - i. In their own power in the middle of their affliction and poverty, they had a willingness which had everything to do with this grace upon them. They were willing to do more beyond what they could do. Paul knew in their power, they couldn't do much. But they were willing.
 - c. They were begging the Apostle Paul to be able to give him money for the offering for the church in Jerusalem.
 - i. Is that the church he should have been taking the offering from? In the natural it doesn't make sense. But he is saying something about something that works even when you don't have.
 - d. In 2 Corinthians 9 Paul is speaking to the church in Corinth. The church in Corinth already promised Paul that they would give money to the churches in Jerusalem. He's telling them something about the church in Macedonia. He doesn't want them to give without this grace.
 - e. It wasn't just about their gift. They realized that their giving entered them into a partnership or a union. They want to partner with Paul's anointing. It's the anointing that will give them the ability and will take them to another level. They wanted to partner with the anointing upon Paul's life.
 - i. The same is true with what our church has done for Pastor Appreciation. You cannot do what we've done and not understand the implications. It's about entering into a partnership with our man of God and his anointing.
 - f. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 Paul says to them, see that you abound in this grace. What is that grace? The grace of giving.
 - g. In 2 Corinthians 9:1 Paul is boasting about the church in Corinth to the church in Macedonia about their willingness to give. Then he says to them, now see to it that you follow thru and give.
 - h. Who were they giving to? Poor people. They were taking up an offering to give to poor people. Could that be seed? When I give to poor people you actually want me to receive?

- D. Whenever You Release Your Money, You Are Sowing Seed
 - a. No one who sows seed doesn't sow not to reap a harvest!
 - b. If you want more, give more. If you want less, give less. You are sowing for a harvest. You are sowing to receive.
 - c. We need to get away from the mentality of just giving out of love and not expecting anything in return. If you don't expect anything in return you won't get anything in return!
 - d. Have the mentality of: every time I give to someone, I give because I know I'm going to receive.

- E. Your Provision Lies in Your Seed

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- a. You sow to be provided for!
 - b. My provision is not given to me because of the work of my hands! It is sowing and reaping that gives me my provision!
 - c. Your business, job, salary, etc. is for your seed.
 - d. Ephesians 4:23 - Let him labour with his hands, which is good that he may have to give!
 - i. Do you hear him say, "work hard so you can provide?" Your work is not for that. It's so that we can give!
 - ii. If it's about working hard then God is a respecter of persons. Some have more business aptitude, etc. so that means they are better? No. It is God's grace on people and His grace and ability on us! It's God who does it! His method is sowing and reaping!
 - e. Your giving to the poor is seed that God gave you. He multiplies your seed sown! Your seed doesn't only cause a harvest in money, it's in everything. A seed can meet any need!
 - f. Does your provision come from your sowing? Yes. If you want more provision, you've got to sow more!
 - g. This is how you can truly say, I sow to live and I live to sow. This is where the revelation comes from!
- F. It's About Love
- a. 2 Corinthians 9:6 - If you're going to give grudgingly, then rather you don't give! It doesn't affect the person who's receiving, it affects you! You're not going to get your harvest back!
 - b. We are blessed to be a blessing!
- G. Philippians 4:18 – "Now My God Shall Supply All Of Your Needs.."
- a. The church he's talking to is the Philippian church. Paul received a gift from that church. No other church gave to him. He's saying to them that His God shall supply their needs because they entered into a partnership with him by sowing into him.
 - b. If you don't give to your man of God, the true revelation of that scripture cannot be quoted.
 - c. When we gave to Pastors Sherwyn & Amanda, we entered into partnership with him. Pastor Sherwyn has released the anointing on us! We have entered into a partnership with him for the anointing.
 - d. We have the right when we sow into our man of God to stand before God and declare some things! Declare debt cancellation, that promotion, a prospering business, that house and those needs to be met!

Scripture References:

- John 3:16
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- 2 Corinthians 9
- Ephesians 4:23
- Philippians 4:18