

Sermon Outline

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God's Grace of Giving: Part 6 Principles of Christian Stewardship

Beginning with verse six of chapter nine in this letter to the Corinthian church, God gave us a summary of the principles of Christian giving and Christian stewardship. Please understand that, contrary to the teaching of some, these principles of Christian stewardship and Christian giving do not negate God's teaching about the tithe, which addresses the believer's recognition of God's ownership and provision of all that we have.

Rather, in His principles of Christian stewardship and Christian giving, God takes His children beyond the basics of simply recognizing God's ownership through returning one tenth of all we receive to Him as a recognition that He has provided all that comes into our hands.

While it is important to give the tithe back to God in recognition of His ownership of all things, as a child of God we have been given some principles that will allow us to experience much greater blessings in regard to the use of material things.

Notice the following simple principles:

I. PRINCIPLE NUMBER ONE: WE DETERMINE HOW MUCH WE REAP BY HOW MUCH WE SOW 2 COR. 9: 6

A. God Embedded The Principle of Reproductive Life in the Seed

1. It applies to agriculture
2. It applies to giving and receiving Luke 6:38

B. The Principle Applies to All Dimensions of Life

The amount of seed we sow, not circumstances or talent, determines how much we will reap in any area of life. We cannot overrule the principle of reproduction contained in the seed! Like produces like!

II. PRINCIPLE NUMBER TWO: THE PURPOSES CHOSEN IN OUR HEART DETERMINE THE RESULTS WE REAP IN LIFE 2 COR. 9: 7

What you want is what you get in life!

A. What Is In Our Heart Is Expressed In Our Actions

Matthew 12:33-37; 15:18-19

B. What We Do Is The Result of What We Choose Before We Act

C. Joyful Giving, Hilarious Giving, Pleases God

Grudging Giving Is Rejected By God

Keep it and it spoils — Give it away and it multiplies

III. PRINCIPLE NUMBER THREE: GOD HAS ALL, IN ALL THINGS 2 COR. 9: 8

A. God Is Able To Make All Grace Abound Toward You That You ...

B. Always — having ...

1. ALL sufficiency in...
2. ALL things, may abound to....
3. EVERY good work....