

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

TEXT: Mark 10:17-31

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 9:6

*"But this I say; he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
And he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV)

1: Jesus Ministers In Excellence. So Must We.

✝ Mark 10:28-31 Sowing and reaping: If we give what is personally valuable to the Kingdom of God, our 100-fold harvest will be the same.

✝ 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 If we give cheaply, sparingly, the minimum, that is how we will reap. If we sow in abundance, bountifully, generously, **THAT** is how we will reap. God is able to make that happen; He will cause ALL GRACE to overflow toward us, so we always have more than enough for whatever good work He may want us to do.

ALWAYS give the first and best,

And you will **RECEIVE** the first and best - 100-fold!

"Which causeth through us thanksgiving toward God." -v.11

Your abundant ability to give cause those who benefit from it to give praise and thanks to God! God gives you bread for your food, and multiplies the seed you sow. This is no haphazard game of chance! God oversees the return HIMSELF. You will receive 100-fold harvest, and you will not go hungry as the crop grows! Glory to God!

"His righteousness remaineth forever."

Psalm 112:3,9

"And increase th fruits of your righteousness."

2 Corinthians 9:9,10

God says the abundantly prospered are not greedy and selfish, but righteous. Job was the richest man in all of the east. **God** said he was perfect. **Satan** said, "He's only in it for the money!" God promises to increase the fruit (harvest) of your righteousness, so He approves of your over-abundance!

"Wealth and riches are in his house: his righteousness endures forever."

Psalms 112:3

(NKJV)

"God is able..."¹

Now He that ministereth seed..."²

"Pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest..."³

God Himself is LORD of the Harvest. He causes - rules over - the 100-fold increase. **It is God who causes the abundance!**

You give abundance of what you value when you BELIEVE He will keep His word.

Again, it is faith!

We hesitate to give because we fear we will do without. We must believe that, when we give what we value, we will harvest 100-fold of the same. God is going to make it happen **WITHOUT FAIL!** It is the law of sowing and reaping. It is important enough to God that it was the first thing He said to man!

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply,

And replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish

Of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing

that moveth upon the earth'.

¹ 2 Corinthians 9:8

² 2 Corinthians 9:10

³ Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2

*And God said, 'Behold, I have given you **every herb bearing seed,**
which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree,
in which is the fruit of a tree **yielding seed**; to you it shall be for meat.'*

Genesis 1:28, 29

"Be fruitful and multiply" means to produce a harvest of more than you planted. Your seed and the seed of every plant "upon the face of all the earth" will produce this way. Everything in God's Kingdom functions this way! When you give to God, He will return **LIKE KIND, IN ABUNDANCE!**

So, give what you want to harvest!

This is not greed! It is what **every** farmer does **every** spring. And where did he get the idea?

*"And God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed
That is on the face of all the land and every tree with seed in its fruit;
You shall have them for food.'"*

Genesis 1:29

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God told Adam that every plant that He created has seed in it, and it is for our food. It has been the nature of God's creation **since** God's creation. It was also an object lesson on the nature of the Kingdom of God.

What you sow - give away - you reap in abundance!

God says it is not selfish, but righteous to expect that harvest. "But you're just giving to get!" yes. **yes.** YES! As a farmer plants **so he will get a crop!** **Yes!** That farmer plants so he can harvest "whatsoever [he] soweth." That harvest feeds his cattle, and his family, and pays his expenses, and allows him to feed your family as he sells his produce. That is as it is intended to be by God.

The spiritual law is the same; and that law is **far more important and powerful** than the physical law that we take for granted, every time we open a can of Green Giant Corn. We

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Psalms 112

open and eat the product of a man's faith in God's **physical** law of sowing and reaping. Then we condemn as greed his faith in God's **spiritual** law of sowing and reaping!

✚ "Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God]" v.1

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✚ "Righteous" v.3

✚ "upright" v.4

✚ "Gracious" v.4

✚ "full of compassion" v.4

✚ "righteous" v.4

✚ *good*" v.5

✚ "*discrete*" v.5

✚ "*righteous*" v.6

✚ "*stable*" ("*never be shaken*") v.6

✚ "unafraid" v.7

✚ "steadfast, trusting in the LORD" v.7

✚ "established" v.8

✚ "not afraid" v.8

✚ "generous"; "dispersed abroad, given to the poor" (NKJV) v.9

✚ "righteous" v.9

✚ "exalted with honor" v.9

Look how God describes the man who has wealth and riches in his house! Because this man "delights greatly" in God's word, he sees that this principle of God's abundance runs throughout. He understands that the simple purpose of that law is two-fold:

1: Give abundantly!

2: Live abundantly!

"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower (Give abundantly!),

*And bread for food (Live abundantly!), **supply and multiply** the seed you have sown, and increase the fruits of **your righteousness.**"*

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NKJV emphasis added)

When we give, God calls us righteous, and promises to multiply us, as He did the Psalm 112 man. In fact, in 2 Corinthians 9:9, He quotes Psalm 112:9!

God has stores⁴ of overflow that He wants to open up on you until you can't hold it all. That is **not** so you can hoard riches.⁵ Jesus called that man a fool. But look why!



God wants you to bound so that you can live abundantly and give abundantly!

"then whose will those things be which you have provided?" v.20

There are two implications in that question: 1: You are going to lose **your** abundance. 2: the folks for whom you would have "provided" have lost. That's why God wants you to store your wealth in the system of His Kingdom. It is never lost there, so it provides.

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there, so it provides.

"for the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints,

But also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God."

2 Corinthians 9:12 (NKJV)

You give. God blesses you. People's needs are met. God is thanked.

God calls that right!

Give good!

Live good!



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God calls that right!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

2: This principle applies to ministries as it does to individuals.

Paul brought this need to the assembly of believers at Corinth, Greece. The believers at Jerusalem were under intense persecution. Many believers' properties and possessions had

been seized by Rome. So one ministry reached out to the other by faith, and gave seed into their need.

God told me, "I want you to operate My ministry by faith. If there is a need, you plant seed into that need, and trust me for the harvest." Every need of this ministry has been met by God sending givers to meet that need in direct response to planted seed. Songs of

⁴ Malachi 3:10

⁵ Luke 12:20

Deliverance Ministry regularly gives into other ministries. Yet, we have never asked anyone but God to supply our needs, and He has done so without fail.

Then He promises to bless those who give into this ministry and cause them to have all sufficiency in all things. We have seen **that** harvest as well, in the lives of those who give.

Our God is a more-than-enough God!

If we just believe His Word, and give as He says, none of God's works will do without. And none of God's **people** will do without!⁶

When we let go of the fear of "What will happen to me if I give this away?", and trust that God **really will** provide ALL of our need out of His abundant riches in glory,; then we will walk in abundance.

Let me tell you from experience, that "thanksgivings to God" part is something you want to experience for yourself! When God fills **YOUR** jars with oil⁷, you'll shout, brother! (or sister!)

God gives us richly all things to enjoy,⁸ but it's **all** His. He gives to us richly because we are children of a King. When we believe that, then we can live in and spread our Father's wealth. End result: **He** gets the thanks!

READ:

Psalm 103:1-18

I believe the cliché is "Win-win situation".

"God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and of a sound mind."

John 10:10

(KJV)

If we truly know our Father, if we truly know His big-ole heart toward us, we don't fear to give to Him.⁹ It is the "God" of the world's religions that we fear.

Be honest with yourself. Does that sound like the God your denomination has for sale? **Is** God a God of wrath? Oh yes!!

⁶ Acts 2:44-47; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Hebrews 13:16

⁷ 1Kings 17:8-16; 2Kings 4:1-7

⁸ 1 Timothy 6:17

⁹ Psalm 103:14

Can you, in your most horrible, nightmare,

imagine what it was like when He poured out

ALL OF IT

On His own Son!!!



This is the God you can trust
with your money!

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He did that so that David could write those words!

He did that so that He would never have to pour it out
on us!

Then He made it the easiest thing in the world to avoid
His wrath toward sin.

Just believe in His Son!¹⁰

He is withholding His final, unavoidable, justice until
the very last moment¹¹ before He destroys this world and makes a new, eternal one.

This is the God you can trust with your money! This is the God you can believe to
harvest “100-fold, now, in this time”¹²; “the ploughman shall overtake the reapers.”¹³ (ie- “You
can’t sow as fast as you’re reaping.”), “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and
running over.”¹⁴ That’s what Jesus meant in Matthew 6:25-34. don’t even think about your
needs. Leave that to your Father, and do things according to the Kingdom of God. You
won’t lack any good thing.¹⁵ Let your attention be on bringing God’s Kingdom, and causing His
will to be done here as in heaven God’s will is the law of His Kingdom. He has handed us the
keys to His Kingdom, so that we may enforce on earth what has already been declared law in
heaven.

“I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven;

And whatever you bind (declare to be improper

And unlawful) on earth must be what is already

Bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare

Lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed

¹⁰ John 3:14-18

¹¹ Revelation 20, 21

¹² Matthew 19:39

¹³ Amos 9:13

¹⁴ Luke 6:38

¹⁵ Psalm 84:11; Philippians 4:19

In heaven.” [Isaiah 22:22}

Matthew 16:19

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We must finance the **work** of the Kingdom of God by the **economy** of the Kingdom of God.

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God wants His work on earth to abound as it does in heaven. He has put the authority (“keys”) to make it so in our hands, and in our mouth. We are a nation of kings and priests.¹⁶ It is our jurisdiction to bring citizens into His Kingdom, and to bring the will and economy of His Kingdom into this world.¹⁷

God’s people must understand more fully that we live **NOW** by the laws and rights of God’s, eternal, Kingdom. Not only do we **live** by them, we enforce them on this earth. It is ours to minister the work of God’s Kingdom; and we must finance the work by **its** economy.

“Give and it shall be given to you; good measure,

Pressed down, shaken together, and running over,

Shall men give into your bosom. For with the

Same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

Luke 6:38

(KJV)

“and the multitude of them that believed were of

One heart and of one soul: neither said any of them

That ought of the things which he possessed was

His own; but they had all things common.

Neither was there any among them that lacked:”

Acts 4:32, 34a

This is how God’s work, **AND GOD’S PEOPLE** flourish. Glory to God! When we hold loosely to all God has given us, planting into the work of His Kingdom, God vows that His good name **WILL NOT** be mocked.¹⁸ He will LORD over our harvest. His work will reap. His people will reap.

God Himself will get glory!

This end-time plan is the same as the first-century church followed. They did as Jesus did. Did you notice the outcome?

¹⁶ Revelation 1:6; 5:10

¹⁷ Matthew 6:10

¹⁸ Galatians 6:6,7

“The multitude of them that believed...”¹⁹ Multitudes flocked into this abundant Kingdom of God! *“And great grace was upon them all.”*²⁰ God’s favor followed all of them, wherever they went! *“When they prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken.”*²¹ These peoples’ prayers **shook** things! When they saw the mighty power of God affecting their daily existence with overflow in everything, it filled their prayer with faith! It is **EXACTLY** what Jesus told the disciples:

READ:

Deuteronomy 26

*“Until now you have asked nothing in My name.
Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”*

John 14:26 (ESV)

These principles follow ministries as well as they do individuals.

God explained, in exact detail, how the children of Israel were to offer the first fruits of their fields. He declared that the first of EVERYTHING belonged to Him. Abundance was presumed.²²

“Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the

FIRST FRUITS OF ALL YOUR INCREASE; so shall thy barns

Be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out

With new wine.”

Proverbs 3:9,10

(KJV emphasis added)

With those offerings was a covenant blessing.²³ After they brought out of their houses all that belonged to God,²⁴ they were instructed to DECLARE God’s blessing on themselves.²⁵ In Proverbs 3, God promises to bless source of food and drink. In Malachi 3:10,11, He promises to open heaven and pour out a blessing too great for us to contain! God made this planet, covered it with food, and put **two people** on it! He never intended for us to just get by! Whether ministries or individuals, we live by the law of seed time and harvest. What we sow we will reap. **IF** we sow we **WILL** reap! We will reap abundance.

Get will get thanksgiving and glory!

God’s work and God’s Kingdom on earth will prosper.

¹⁹ Acts 4:32a

²⁰ Ibid, 4:33b

²¹ Ibid, 4:31a

²² Deuteronomy 15:6

²³ Psalm 89:34

²⁴ Deuteronomy 26:13

²⁵ Ibid, v.15