

## **“Sowing & Reaping”**

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Let's turn our attention to the principle of sowing and reaping ...

**WHAT YOU KEEP IS ALL YOU HAVE. WHAT YOU GIVE, GOD MULTIPLIES.**

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

If you keep something, that's all you're ever going to have. But if you take what you have and you give it you turn it into seed and plant it in good soil God can multiply it.

Say it with me ... “*What I keep is all I have, what I give God multiplies.*”

Jesus is talking to an agrarian society and they made their living off of crops. Whenever there was a harvest of wheat, the land owners would hire laborers to carry baskets full of wheat across huge fields. They would take their basket and fill it ½ - ¾ full because it would be very heavy. But at the end of the day/week, a generous landowner would often pay the people in wheat. He would say, “*This last basket is yours to take home.*”

How do you think they would fill the last basket? On the last day, they would take their basket, they would press it down, they would fill it up. And Jesus was saying that's how God gives to you when you give to others. (Distortions: Prosperity Gospel & Poverty Gospel)

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”

Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

Four truths about sowing and reaping ...

- We reap what we sow.
- We reap where we sow.
- We reap after we sow.
- We reap more than we sow.

We reap *later and greater*. This principle isn't fair, just, balanced, even or 1-to-1. It can be leveraged: it can work for you or against you! For some this is discouraging but for those who allow this principle time to work in your life it's a tremendous blessing.

**Let's Pray!**

**Resources: “Multiply” series by Robert Morris, Gateway Church, TX; Lifechurch.tv; “Be Rich” series by Andy Stanley & “Strapped” series by Craig Groeschel**