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**Choose The Size Of Your Harvest!**

*"The more you sow, the more you reap" is just as applicable in the realm of finances as it is in farming.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, NIV  
Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give.

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**The More You Reap...  
The More You Can Sow!**

*God will graciously supply more than enough to meet your needs so that you can be generous with the surplus.*

2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV  
And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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**The More You Reap...  
The More You Can Sow!**

**When God increases your store of seed  
—it's not so much to raise your standard  
of living, but to raise your standard of giving!**

2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NLT

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer, and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way, so that you can always be more generous.

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**American Heresy  
Live To Get!**

- God wants every Christian to be rich (materially).
- The more you give...the more you get!
- Generosity is a means to an end: material prosperity!

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**Biblical Teaching  
Live To Give!**

- God wants every Christian to be rich (spiritually) and to have more than enough (materially).
- The more you give...the more you get—to give!
- Generosity is a means to an end: more generosity!

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### Why Live To Give?

**Your generosity will glorify God by prompting thanksgiving in others all year around!**

2 Corinthians 9:11-13, NIV

...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourself, others will praise God...

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### Why Live To Give?

**As the recipients of your generosity pray for you, they will long to meet you to express their appreciation in person!**

2 Corinthians 9:14, NIV & Luke 16:9, NLT

And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

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### Why Live To Give?

**The seeds of generosity you sow now will reap a harvest of eternal remembrance and reward.**

2 Corinthians 9:9, NIV

As it is written, "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

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### The Great Reversal!

In this life, we often want MORE  
of what this world has to offer.  
And God often says, "You have ENOUGH!"

In the life to come, we'll always think  
we have ENOUGH of what heaven has to offer.  
And God will keep saying, "Here's MORE!"

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### A Fitting Finale!

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*  
2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

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