

*Sowing Well & Reaping Abundantly*  
*2 Cor. Ch. 9:1-15*

*"When God gives grace, He does not reluctantly open a little finger and maintain a clenched fist full of gifts. I would tell you today that God's hands are nail-pierced hands and they are wide open. This fountain of grace is always pouring itself out with no limitation on heavens side at all." Redpath*

- I. "Paul was very concerned that giving be a matter of generosity and not a matter of grudging obligation. God Himself never gives out of an attitude of grudging obligation, and neither should we. To be generous, in the Biblical idea of the word, has more to do with our attitude in giving than with the amount that we give, so God wants a willing attitude from givers." Guzik

2 Cor. 9:1-5

- II. When we give bountifully and cheerfully, we are sowing God's resources for His ministry of grace to bear bountiful fruit both for the giver and for the receiver. God wants us to sow his resources well with the understanding that we will certainly reap what we sow, more than we sow, later than we sow. If we sow bountifully, we will reap bountifully, if we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly.

2 Cor. 9:6

Malachi 3:10

Philippians 4:18-19

**Galatians 6:7** *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

- III. What the giver gives is determined by what God has put in his/her heart to give. It is to be a matter between the giver and God. The conviction that comes from the heart is the determining factor, not what man says but what God says. What we sow then, is sowing what God wants us to sow and is therefore seen as sowing bountifully.

2 Cor. 9:7

2 Cor. 8:12

Mark 12:41-44

**Luke 16:13-15** *13"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." 14The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.*

- IV. The fruit a cheerful giver yields is the fruit of God's abundant supplying grace, coupled with a rich harvest of thanksgiving to God from both the giver and the receiver. We glorify Him when we sow his grace well as representatives of the gospel. The fruit of righteousness we harvest then, will reap for us rewards both here and in heaven as we glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 9:8-15

Ps. 112:9

**αὐτάρκεια autárkeia** = contentment, sufficiency, a mind contented with its lot.

**Proverbs 11:25** *A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*