

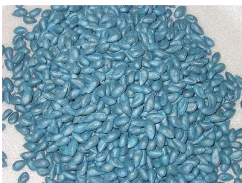
“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX

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Scripture Verse Reference: **“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sown bountifully will also reap bountifully.”** II Corinthians 9:6

Understanding God’s Economy

When it comes to stewardship, our giving to God is like a farmer sowing seed in a field. If we sow abundantly, we reap abundantly; if we sow sparingly, we reap sparingly. But can that principle apply to other areas of life besides financial stewardship? Paul suggests it can.



Before he wrote the words of II Corinthians 9:6, he wrote these words to the Galatians; **“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”** (Galatians 6:7) The context of this verse is not about finances, but the moral life of mankind. In Galatians 6:8, Paul wrote; **“Sow to the flesh and reap destruction; sow to the Spirit and reap life.”** In other words, sowing and reaping is a general principle of God’s economy that applies to all areas of our lives.



Take love and compassion for example. If we sow compassion towards others, we will reap compassion from God and others. Being a compassionate person (or a kind, loving, generous, patient person) is a path to a double blessing for the receiver and the giver.



God always rewards us by giving us more than we sow. We can never out give God!

When we sow God’s love, whether it’s sowing love, kindness, and God’s word into our children, giving a portion of the blessings God gives us back so that we might honor Him and allow Him to bless others, or we sow God’s love to the world around us, we are investing in God’s economy. God is always faithful to His promises; and He will always bless those who honor Him.

When we apply the rules of God’s economy in our lives, we are richly blessed for we have extended His love to those around us. Bless others and yourself by sharing God’s love!

- If you need compassion today, sow compassion toward others.
- If you seek God’s blessing today, bless others through your Christian acts.
- If you require understanding, show understanding to others.
- If you desire love, give it freely to others.

“Don’t just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.” (Romans 12:9-10)