

OFFERING: Planting Season

Pastor Brandon Zieske

Text: Galatians 6:7-9 (page 975); 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (page 968)

LAW OF THE HARVEST: You will reap what you sow.

All are sowers. Therefore, all are reapers.

3 PRINCIPLES OF THE HARVEST: *Galatians 6:7-9*

1. You will reap what you sow in kind.
2. You will always reap more than you sow.
3. You will always reap later.

Generosity = Open Hearted

A GUIDE FOR GIVING: *2 Corinthians 9:7*

1. It's personal and it's for every believer
2. It's thoughtful – *planned, percentage and progressive*
3. It's connected to the heart

God wants our offering to reflect our heart.

You will never be in want when it deals with righteousness! *2 Cor. 9:10-11*

The harvest is not a harvest of stuff, but a harvest of significance. *2 Cor. 9:10-11*

Every time we place our money, time, and talent in God's hands, it will ALWAYS bear fruit. *2 Cor. 9:12-15*

KNOW THIS:

We have to sow first.

Sowing generously will always be an act of faith.

Where do you feel God stirring you up in your generosity journey?



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Food for Thought for the week of March 19, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-12.

1. With what are you generous? Money? Time? Talents? Toys?
With what are you stingy? Why the difference?
2. What do you think was the most significant thing that Pastor Brandon said Sunday morning? Explain.
3. How is giving money away a source of cheer for the giver?
4. What do you make of the "allness" in verse 8?
5. For what purpose will God materially bless these people? How does generosity effect righteousness and the ever-widening circles of people giving thanks to God?
6. How is giving contagious? How does it reflect God's grace?
7. Greed happens whenever we put our desire for something ahead of our desire for God. What is one way you can be less greedy and more generous this week?
8. Commit to pray for each other in the coming week that our gratitude would motivate us toward generosity.

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