

## Daily Devotional, October 21, 2020    **Becoming More Liberal**

***<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)***

Did you know that God waits for you to give before He gives you more? You see, God has already given you all you have, but there is a purpose in God's giving.

It's not that God gives to us with strings attached; it's just that faithfulness is important to God. When God sees that we are faithful with what we have been given, God knows He can trust us to do the right thing when we are given more.

Our verses from 2 Corinthians today compare our finances with seed and associate giving to sowing. Now, if we're going to sow sparsely, it doesn't give God much to work with. But if we sow abundantly, God is going to bless us for that generosity and we will reap abundantly, for God is able to make all grace flourish in you, in order that you, always having all abundance in all things, may have plenty for every good work that is accomplished through us.

Now, if you've ever wondered what God's viewpoint is on prosperity, that is it in a nutshell. God is saying that He supplies all things for every abundance so that we may be plentiful in every good work. And in all of this, do not miss the point that those good works we do come from the thanks for the seed God gives us.

God is saying He will supply seed to the sower, okay? God doesn't say He will supply seed to the hoarder, to the miser. God wants to bless you so that you can see the miraculous, faithful hand of God's provision showing up in what you have sown.

If you're holding on so tightly, then you're not going to be able to reap the fruit of the promise that God will be with you in these things that He will supply for you, that He will multiply for you. He will increase the fruits of your righteousness there so that you can be more generous, and so you will be able to give more away.

Do you understand the word-liberally? Do you know what that word is? Liberal. You need to become a liberal. And I don't mean politically, but I do mean generously. Become more liberal and generous, so that God can bless you with more seed, so that you can bless more people, so that God can bless you with more seed, and on and on.

You are enriched in everything for all liberality. Find somewhere today where you can be liberal in giving.

***Prayer: Father, Thank You for providing for all my needs, giving me more than just enough so that I can sow seed into good ground! Thank You that I can trust You to provide for me as I simply live by what Your Word says! In Christ's name. Amen***