

## Daily Devotional, November 18, 2020 Sow Generously, Receive Abundantly

***<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 God 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 all sorts of strings attached; it's just that faithfulness on our part is important to God. Whenever God sees that we are faithful with what we have, then God knows that we can be trusted to do the right thing with more.

Our verses today compare our finances with seed and associate giving to sowing. Now, if you were gardening and decided to sow your seed sparingly, you would not produce much of a crop. But if you sow abundantly, God is going to bless you for your efforts and you will reap bountifully, for God will graciously allow you to thrive, that you, always having competence in all things, may have an abundance for every good work that you perform.

Now, if you have ever wondered what God's perspective is on prosperity, this is it. God is saying that God supplies all things for all sufficiency so that we may abound in every good work. And in all the all that we are given, don't miss the point-that the abundance of good that we do equates with the seed God gives us to sow again and again..

God is saying that God will supply seed to the sower but does not say that seed will continue to be supplied to the hoarder. God wants to bless you so that you can see God's miraculous, faithful hand of provision showing up in what you have faithfully sown.

If you're holding on so tightly, afraid to let go of what you have been given to offer, then you're not going to be able to see the fruit of the promise that God will be with you there, that God will supply for you there, that God will multiply for you there. God will increase the fruits of your righteousness there so that you can be more generous, and so that you can give more away. But first you have to be faithful enough to let go.

Do you see that word in our verses-generosity? Do you know what that word means? You need to become a generous and to be every bit as willing to give away as much as you receive. Become liberal and generous with what you have, 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 your kindness and generosity. Find somewhere today where you can bless others by being generous in giving.

***Prayer: Most generous and liberating God, 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 live by Your Word and give freely from the abundance that You have blessed me with. In the name of Christ who gave His all for me. Amen.***