

INTRODUCTION

We live in a culture that is obsessed with material prosperity, and many believers have adopted the mindset that financial success is the ultimate goal. However, this perspective attempts to undermine God’s sovereignty, making Him like a genie in a bottle who exists to only fulfill our selfish desires. The truth is, God is in control, not at our control.

Throughout Scripture, we see that some men of God were wealthy while others were not. Serving God does not guarantee material wealth for all believers. Instead of chasing after riches, we are called to pursue righteousness and align with God’s dream, not America’s dream. Prosperity itself isn’t bad, but it should never become our master.

A key principle in God’s kingdom is the principle of sowing and reaping. Those who sow much will reap much, while those who sow little will reap little. When we hold onto our resources selfishly, we miss the opportunity to multiply them. A farmer who eats all his seed may be full today but will starve in a year. Similarly, hoarding resources for personal gain is like storing wealth in an account that gains no interest.

Instead, we are called to be cheerful givers, sowing with faith and without compulsion, knowing that the more we give because of grace, the more grace we receive. We must be motivated by the Word, not the world, recognizing that true overflow comes from God. When we give with the right heart posture, we align with His purpose, allowing Him to bless us in ways far beyond material gain.

GETTING STARTED

1. What’s one thing you were taught about success and prosperity growing up?
2. Can you think of a time when you gave something away and felt more blessed than the person who received it?

LET’S GET PERSONAL

1. Have you ever found yourself more focused on accumulating material things than growing in righteousness?
2. In what ways have you struggled with trusting God’s provision versus relying on your efforts?
3. How do you typically view generosity? Do you see it as an expense or an investment?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. How is God calling you to shift your mindset about money and generosity? What practical change can you make this week?
2. What system do you need to put in place in order to be ready when the opportunity to give arises?
3. Want to dig deeper? Take a look at the following passages: 1 Timothy 6:15, Psalms 103:19, 1 Samuel 2:7, 3 John 1:2, 1 Corinthians 4:11, Luke 9:58, Romans 15:26, 1 Corinthians 16:3, Mark 4:19, Matthew 6:24, Luke 12:15, Matthew 6:19-20, Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 11:24, 1 Timothy 6:18-19, Ecclesiastes 11:4, Proverbs 19:17, Philippians 4:19, Luke 6:38.

RENEW YOUR MIND

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

II Corinthians 9:6