



PRAYING WITH PURPOSE MINISTRIES

Principle of Sow & Reap

OVERVIEW

The Principle of Sow & Reap is God's plan to provide for our lives. This is a faith-building principle because one has to exercise his/her faith in order to sow. The plan/objective of this principle is to receive the provisions of God; therefore, we will look at this principle from a spiritual, moral, and natural perspective. The purpose/goal is to super abound having all of our needs met, in essence to be blessed and to be a blessing.

In order to understand how this principle operates, texts from Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus will be studied. In these texts we see how the patriarchs of the old exercised their faith. We will also look at Mark Chapter 4 which explains how believers must sow the Word of God.

Lastly, we will apply the Principle of Sow & Reap by offering up our bodies as living sacrifices worthy and acceptable to God. Just as God sowed His best, sow yourself by setting aside time, which will be a sacrifice, to commune with the Father by reading His Word.

I. Introduction

- A. God's plan to provide for our lives (Genesis 1:9–12)
- B. Principle works by faith (Hebrews 11:6)
- C. Cannot be fully comprehended by the natural mind (I Corinthians 2:14)
- D. Principle's benefits are spiritually discerned (I Corinthians 3:9–13)
- E. The Holy Spirit — organizer, enabler, director (John 14:26, 15:26, 6:11–14)

II. Paradigm (Pattern): A faith building principle (Genesis and Exodus)

- A. The just shall live by faith
- B. Witnessing to faith — Old Testament Saints
- C. Overcoming by faith

III. Plan / Objective: To receive the provisions of God (Exodus and Leviticus)

- A. Spiritually — God sowed Jesus (Genesis 3:15); believer reaped benefit — Jesus (John 3:16) — God asked Abraham to sow Isaac (Genesis 22:2)
Must sow the Word of God (Mark 4)
 - 1. Word is sown by way side — Satan stills immediately
 - 2. Word is sown on stony ground — no root immediately offended
 - 3. Word is sown among thorns — burdens, deceitfulness choke the Word
 - 4. Word is sown on good ground — produce fruit (30, 60, 100-fold)

Sow like God. He sowed His best Jesus. When we sow like God, we reap the God-kind of harvest. Therefore, we need a pure heart and clean hands.

B. Morally — cannot sow immorality and expect to reap morality (Galatians 6:7–9)
If we sow that which is good we will always reap good if we sow not.

C. Naturally — Malachi 3:8–12, Luke 6:38, II Corinthians 9:6–12

1. Tithe

- a. to pay/give 1/10 (10%) of income
- b. tithing is a sacrifice
- c. can only tithe with money
- d. allow God to demonstrate His power in your life
- e. works supernaturally — open up windows of heaven
- f. keep devil from eroding your life — providing peace, joy
- g. stop devil from preempting/aborting your harvest

2. Offerings

- a. given above the tithe
- b. given to service of the Lord
- c. give an offering where you have a need or have been delivered
- d. treasure offering — money for kingdom building purpose
- e. time offering — service to the Lord
- f. talent offering — natural gift — shows off the glory of God
- g. trade offering — natural skill
- h. total offering — 100% in ministry — spirit, soul, body

3. Alms — benevolent to poor

- a. get the Gospel to the poor
- b. meet natural needs
- c. tap the heart of God when you give to the poor

IV. Purpose / Goal: To super abound, having our needs met

- A. To be blessed
- B. To be a blessing

V. Practical Application for Life

- A. Spend time with the WORD
- B. Give generously — tithes, offering and alms
- C. Live worthy of the vocation (co-labor with Jesus)