



Generosity

Main idea Generous giving can lead to abundant living.

Warm-up What would you do if your godfather deposits P100,000 to your bank account?

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Message

The Apostle Paul compares generosity to the ancient farming practice known as sowing and reaping. A farmer sows (scatters) seeds to the vast rice field. The more seed he sows, the greater the reaping (harvesting).

Similarly, a person who gives or practices generosity could expect a bountiful return from what he had sowed.

[Sample Illustration]

In 2006, China, (1.6 billion in population), produced 182 million tons (comprising 28.8 percent of the global rice harvest). The millions of tons of rice production wouldn't have been possible if Chinese farmers didn't sow millions of tons of seed for that entire year.

Farmers know that in order for them to have money to pay the bills, tuition and meet the basic necessities of life, they need to be diligent in sowing. And if they want to increase their harvest, they need to increase the number of seeds they sow. That is how it works!

Paul says, give generously and you can expect a generous return as well. Practice generosity today because it's a principle that leads to abundance.

Proverbs 11:24-25

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

People can experience financial breakthrough by giving not withholding.

Challenge

God has given each of us seeds to sow. It may be small now but the potential for growth is huge. Sow it today and see how God will use it to bless others while blessing you in return.

Application Question

What practical steps will you take to live out the principle of generous giving?