

# Biblical Economics

## Power of the Seed

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### Introduction

A seed is anything you have that when given away will bless someone else. This NOT the tithe. A seed is anything over and above your tithe. It could be money, time, service, prayer, love or even mercy. Galatians 6:7 declares that God is not mocked, what someone sows that will they also reap. The power of the seed is so radical that it should be handled carefully and reverently. Some well-intentioned ministers have corrupted themselves when they discovered the seismic results and traded their faith in God for slick, fund-raising tactics. But even though a small percentage of people have turned the truth into a self-serving trick, this does not negate the marvelous truths surrounding seed faith.

Seed faith is sowing something you have been given to create something you have been promised. It has the power to create you future. It is proof that you have mastered greed. Seed faith can be the step of obedience to stop storms or to begin a new future. Whatever the situation, God has given you something in your present to create a future you desire.

If the Lord ever speaks to you about sowing a seed, you can be confident He has a harvest on His mind.

Genesis 8:22 NKJV

***“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”***

### Jesus - God's Best Seed

- I. “While the Earth remains...” Well, does it \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. In the beginning, at the time of the creation, God placed a universal \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth - seedtime and harvest.
    1. Do we still have cold and heat, winter and summer, day and \_\_\_\_\_?
    2. So then, seedtime and harvest is still in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. When God desired a \_\_\_\_\_ from the earth, He utilized this very law.
    1. He used the law He set in motion in the \_\_\_\_\_ - seedtime and harvest!
    2. God desired a harvest of a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. So, He did not send an \_\_\_\_\_ to be planted into the earth because He did not desire a harvest of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He sent His only begotten Son into the earth for a \_\_\_\_\_ of sons and daughters.

John 12:23-24 NKJV

***23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.***

- C. The Church is not King's kids! We are \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most High!
  1. If the devil had left Him \_\_\_\_\_, he might have had a chance of winning.
  2. Beating Him was horrible, but it purchased our \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. But, when they laid Him in the tomb, He became the Seed of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead!
  4. They made the mistake of \_\_\_\_\_ Him in the ground!
  5. God's harvest was bringing many sons to \_\_\_\_\_!
- D. If God used this \_\_\_\_\_ for the resurrection, why have we shied away from it for exercising authority over all the devil's weapons?

## The Law of Progression

Mark 4:26-29 NKJV

***26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.***

- II. Jesus claimed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was like this.
  - A. Pay close attention whenever Jesus uses this \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. It's not just for \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus' time or the early church.
    2. It's for those inside the God's kingdom - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. In the Kingdom of God there is a law of \_\_\_\_\_ just like in the earth.
    1. The earth yields \_\_\_\_\_ by progression:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ - sprout.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ - identifiable stalk with buds of fruit.
- c) Full \_\_\_\_\_ in the head - fully developed fruit.
- d) This will take \_\_\_\_\_ to develop.

Galatians 6:7-9 NKJV

***Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***

- 2. All too often, our \_\_\_\_\_ forfeits the benefits of sowing seed.
  - a) We want to sow on Sunday and expect a return by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Have you ever seen anyone plant an \_\_\_\_\_ and yell, "Stand back everybody! I'm planting seed and you could get hurt"?
  - c) If we allow the seed to \_\_\_\_\_, progress naturally, then it will yield a harvest on its own.
- 3. We must not lose \_\_\_\_\_ prior to due season.
- C. Within this parable, we see dynamic \_\_\_\_\_ to harvest between God and man.
  - 1. Who \_\_\_\_\_ the seed?
  - 2. Who \_\_\_\_\_ the seed?
  - 3. Once the grain ripens, who does the \_\_\_\_\_?
    - a) In most of our spirit-filled churches, we hear much on \_\_\_\_\_ seed.
    - b) We rarely hear about our \_\_\_\_\_ in regards to reaping.
    - c) Who puts in the \_\_\_\_\_?
  - 4. Is sowing \_\_\_\_\_? Neither is reaping.
    - a) Once the harvest is ripened, we must recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of the harvest and how to get it out of the crop and into the barn.
    - b) Even when God moved \_\_\_\_\_, they still had to go out and get the harvest:
      - (1) God gave \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel every morning, but they still had to go out and get it.

- (2) When Jesus appeared twice to Peter for a great draught of \_\_\_\_\_, they had to launch out into the deep and throw their nets.
- (3) Your harvest can fall on your \_\_\_\_\_, but you're still going to have to pick it up.

## Supplied Seed

2 Corinthians 9:10,11 NKJV

***“10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.”***

- III. Four key phrases about \_\_\_\_\_ from these verses:
- A. He supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to sowers.
1. If you have no \_\_\_\_\_ to give to His work, you do not qualify.
  2. It is interesting to note that \_\_\_\_\_ seem to never do without, but non-sowers typically seem to never have \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. He supplies \_\_\_\_\_ for food.
1. This is your needs to connect your \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. God is concerned with your \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil 4:19)
- C. He \_\_\_\_\_ the sown seed for harvest.
1. The law of the \_\_\_\_\_ - seedtime and harvest.
  2. You always have more from \_\_\_\_\_ than you sowed as seed.
- D. He enriches everything FOR all liberality - \_\_\_\_\_.
1. The purpose of your \_\_\_\_\_ is for more giving.
  2. Paul commended churches regarding their \_\_\_\_\_ to give.
- E. How often do you ask yourself what part of my \_\_\_\_\_ is actually seed to sow?

## A New Perspective

- IV. A mature believer breaks free from the \_\_\_\_\_ to stockpile for the purpose of safety.

Luke 12:16-21 NKJV

***16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do,***

**since I have no room to store my crops?’ 18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.” 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’” 21 “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”**

- A. Prosperity is NOT having enough so you no longer have to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
1. God blessed this man - His \_\_\_\_\_ was a result of God’s blessing.
  2. He viewed the increase as a means to \_\_\_\_\_ it upon himself and to be lazy - serve himself.
  3. How many believers see their increase as a means to serve their own \_\_\_\_\_ outside the purpose of God?
  4. It typically rears its ugly head around \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- B. Notice what the Apostle Paul tells the Church at Ephesus.

Ephesians 4:28 NKJV

***“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”***

1. Here Paul instructs the thieves who have come to Christ in a new way of \_\_\_\_\_ money.
    - a) If you \_\_\_\_\_, stop.
    - b) \_\_\_\_\_ with your hands.
    - c) FOR THE PURPOSE of \_\_\_\_\_!
    - d) The last thing in the mind of a would-be thief is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - e) But, you don’t have to have been a thief in order to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. What is the purpose of going to work? How do you \_\_\_\_\_ money?
    - a) Work is the method, by which, we pay for all our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b) Money is the means, by which, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ we choose.
- C. If we believed the Bible in this area, to the extent we say we do, our lifestyles could actually be better than what our \_\_\_\_\_ provides.

Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

***“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in***

**heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

1. The Church is guilty of using this verse to promote \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) The message is about the focus of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) He still admonishes the laying up of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Question: how do you \_\_\_\_\_ treasure in heaven?
  - a) Maybe it's winning \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
  - b) Doesn't the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the money we give to His work?

Hebrews 7:8 NKJV

**Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.**

Leviticus 27:30 NKJV

**And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.**

- c) When you give to the Lord, aren't you \_\_\_\_\_ up treasure in heaven?
  - d) But, according to Malachi 3:10, if you tithe, He will pour out so much you won't have room enough to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - e) You lay \_\_\_\_\_ and He pours \_\_\_\_\_!
3. The safest way of avoiding \_\_\_\_\_ and corruption is to give to God!
4. By giving to God you \_\_\_\_\_ where your heart is.

## How Does This Work

V. First of all, any \_\_\_\_\_ to obey the Lord when giving, to impact others with the message of the Gospel and help with the work of God always has a harvest connected to it!

A. One method is that you \_\_\_\_\_ the amount to sow.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Message

**Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.**

1. It's always good to think over your offering, especially when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) This helps to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ giving.

- b) It also allows you to check your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. God still \_\_\_\_\_ a cheerful giver.
- B. Another method is when the Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the amount.
  - 1. God will \_\_\_\_\_ to your heart about sowing into others or His work.
    - a) When He does, it can come at \_\_\_\_\_ times.
    - b) It may look \_\_\_\_\_ to complete.
    - c) \_\_\_\_\_ will combat your mind.
    - d) But when He speaks, there is a definite \_\_\_\_\_ on His mind.
  - 2. Your obedience to the Lord can be the beginning of a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a) In 1 Kings 17, Elijah asked for the \_\_\_\_\_ cake in order to produce a oil and meal harvest that lasted throughout the famine.
    - b) The widow discovered a breakthrough that canceled all her \_\_\_\_\_ in 2 Kings 4.
    - c) David stopped the \_\_\_\_\_ with an offering in 2 Samuel 24.
    - d) Peter started full-time ministry with Jesus after sowing his \_\_\_\_\_ into the ministry of Jesus. (Luke 5)
    - e) Your seed can do the \_\_\_\_\_ if you simply release it.

## Conclusion

Mike Murdock often said, “When you release what’s in your hand, God releases what’s in His hand.” When you trust God with what you have, God will trust you with what you desire. When we walk this path, it will create a legacy of God’s goodness and faithfulness.