



TOM LEDING MINISTRIES

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Dear Partner,

It is a blessing to meet people who say, "Brother Tom, you have taught me some important things about Biblical success and God's plan for prosperity. You got me started giving to God and proving Him. Now I see the reapers gathering faster than the sower can plant seed."

Some people hesitate to prove God, but when hard times hit, many people are forced into proving Him or they don't make it through. The Word of God says, "*He not only sends the sun to rise on the wicked and on the righteous, but He...sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*" (Matthew 5:45)

When hard times come, it does little good for Christians to operate on the world's system, because it teaches people to operate on the 'taking' principle. They think the only way to make it financially is to take more than they give. When takers have control of the world's wealth, they stack it up until the whole system collapses. Then when it collapses, they just hold onto the money even tighter.

If we live according to the world's principles, as a lot of Christians do, we will not make it through hard times very successfully. God teaches us in His Word to use the sowing and reaping principle for true financial success: "*Give, and it shall be given unto you...For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*" (Luke 6:38)

A Christian's finances must operate on the seed time and harvest principle. The Bible teaches us to sow! This is true whether or not times are hard. When you need more money, consider what II Corinthians 9:6, 7 says in the Living Bible: "*But remember this – if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much...don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes.*"

Reflect on the attitude a farmer would have after losing his crop one year. You wouldn't hear him say, "We had such a bad crop last year and since the tornado tore the barn down, we've got the expense of building a new one. Things are going to be tight with both kids in college this year, so I've decided we need to really slow things down and only sow one acre this year. That is all we can do." No, his knowledge of sowing and reaping would make him realize that the only choice he can make is to sow more. Instead, he would probably say, "We need to plant more than ever before, so let's take some of the land we would have rested this year and farm it. Our only hope for an increase is in the heavens."

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The children of God need to grasp this same knowledge. The truth is when things get tight in the Kingdom of God, it is time to sow, not react the way the world would, withdrawing. Remember, Christians respond differently than the world in the same circumstances: *“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.” The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.”* Proverbs 11:24-25

“They that sow in tears shall reap joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing...” Psalms 126:5-6 God guarantees a harvest when the seed is precious. During hard times, in the midst of economic setbacks and tight finances, the Lord gives His Word that you won’t have crop failure, but instead will reap with rejoicing!

Highlight Psalms 126:5-6 in your Bible right now! *“They that sow in tears (when things are tough) shall reap joy.”* This precious Scripture needs to be a point of release that comes alive in your heart. It is not just a soul winning Scripture, although soul winning is taught from it! God is talking about sowing when the seed is precious and seeds are precious when they are scarce.

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” The message here is about sowing: when the seed is precious –you literally weep when you sow. I have witnessed many people over my lifetime who wept as they gave saying, “God, you know this is not extra money. It is all we have and you know its value.” This is putting faith into action when you trust and believe God’s promise of a guaranteed harvest when the seed is scarce (precious).

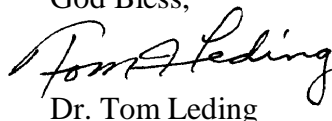
Absolutely do not hold back on your giving when you are experiencing hard times! The only hope you have, if you are a steadfast believer in the Kingdom of God, is to get precious seed into the ground. Learn about Biblical economics and pray for the understanding. Ask for wisdom from Above to put God’s principles into practice. When God’s children gain this knowledge and act on it, the offering in churches actually goes up during hard times. Remember, the principles of God always work when we follow them and keep our motives pure.

God guarantees His response to your sowing during tough times. Your weeping will be replaced with rejoicing as you bring in your harvest.

Read the Word! Act on it before hard times hit. When you have proven the Lord (Malachi 3:10), you will know what to do when hard times hit.

It’s sowing time because God promises a harvest!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Leding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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