



TOM LEDING MINISTRIES

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Dear Partner,

The key to receiving is to name your seed! Naming your seed is a revelation I had over seven years ago. Since then, the teaching has become a way of life for me and for many of our Partners around the world. It began one day when I was walking around La Fortune Park and praying about paying-off of our office building.

As I walked along and prayed about it, God spoke something to my heart that forever changed the way I thought about His principle of seedtime and harvest. He said, "If you sow a seed and give it an assignment, you will receive a harvest. I immediately stopped walking and listened. Suddenly, the Lord began to flood my mind with revelation about sowing seed – specific seed – and believing Him for the harvest. I gave up the rest of my walk, went home and found the Word that backed up exactly what God said to me.

Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity; let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:6-10)

'Be not deceived' and 'whatsoever' stood out like a beacon of light. I got a revelation that "whatsoever" encompassed all human activity in life. Whatsoever is sown in life, whether it is spiritual, physical or financial, is going to come up in greater volume...even financial seeds.

People often say to me, "Brother Tom, in all the years I have known you, you have never been really sick." Well, I have lived in divine health, but it is not because I am a preacher. God showed me that every week I preach the healing Word and lay hands on the sick, I sow this into the lives of others. Consequently, what I get in return is health, and the more I draw on that harvest, the greater I see the blessings of health manifested in my life. That is sowing and reaping when it comes to healing.

Sowing and reaping is a law instituted in Genesis when God gave Adam herb-bearing seeds in Genesis 1:29. It is very important for the body of Christ to understand what this principle means. It goes

beyond food, although food is a part of it. If you sow corn, you expect corn...not tomatoes. Every seed reproduces after its own kind, regardless of its type.

What God showed me is that seedtime and harvest is just as much a financial law as it is a physical and a spiritual law. We have to understand that when it comes to giving finances toward God's Kingdom, we can fully expect to draw on the promises of God and reap – if we faint not!

Don't Throw – Sow!

For years I was a giver and for years I lived paycheck to paycheck. I was supposed to have “more than enough,” but I was barely getting by. I gave, but God's Word seemed to be returning void. Then, God revealed to me that I wasn't sowing – I was 'throwing' my seed. To sow, in the Biblical way, is to give with something called a **purpose**. *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

As a 'thrower,' I would hear about a need and throw a little money in the offering bucket toward the need—that was unscriptural. The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 not to give “of necessity.” I also gave when I was emotionally stirred, which later made me feel a little grudgingly about it—that, too, was unscriptural. For years I gave and my seed was just sitting on top of the ground, so to speak. Before I got out of church, the devil would steal it. Why? Because I didn't sow it; I threw it on top of the ground and never considered what the Scripture said about seedtime and harvest.

Not long after, God revealed more to me in the Parable of the Sower in Mark Chapter Four, including the truth that sowing must be done, not only with purpose, but also into fertile soil. If I expected to receive a full harvest, and I did, I knew that I would have to put those principles to work.

We must consider our ways. Thoughtlessness is the beginning of great loss in one's life. The first chapter in the book of Haggai shines a light on this.

Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. (Haggai 1:5-7)

You see, you can be a giver and still lose your harvest, if you are putting it into a bag with holes, which is a symbol of sowing thoughtlessly. Do you want to reap a financial harvest? Then, don't sow financial seeds nonchalantly as if it doesn't matter.

Sowing financial seeds towards the work of God should always be regarded as an act of worship. Giving should be motivated by faith in God's Word and love for His work, not by necessity or emotion. God should be involved in your decisions about sowing financial seeds. **When you don't consult God and when you don't give your financial seed a purpose—by naming that seed—it is as if you are putting money into a bag full of holes.**

Your harvest will be lost to thoughtlessness. If you want to receive a harvest from the seeds you sow, first, **pray**, and then, **purpose in your heart** what you will give. Then name the seed! Naming your seed will give your faith direction, which is a big part of getting your harvest.

The best harvests come from seeds that are sown and tended to. Remember, money is just paper, ink or metal. On its own it is of no value. But, in our society, those bills and coins represent power—the power to purchase what you need. If you get specific and name your financial seeds, then you will be putting a label on that power. You will be able to fix your mind on what belongs to you and then tend to that seed by calling in your harvest.

Do not be deceived. Like all spiritual concepts, the harvest requires faith. The Word says, *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* (Hebrews 11:1) Refuse to invert the Scripture by asking, “Is faith now?” Determine that now faith is! You have faith in God to do what He promised in His Word. Make a decision to have faith that “whatever” you sow, you will reap—spiritually, physically and financially.

Remember, you pick the denomination by what you purpose to give, but God picks the multiplication for the harvest: 30, 60 or 100-fold. Your mind is the playing ground and the devil will try and convince you not to use your faith in the Word concerning financial seed-sowing. He doesn’t want you to reap anything good. He will try and persuade you not to believe that you can or will have a financial harvest. Don’t listen to his lies or accusations. If you do, you will be deceived, your faith will go unused and you will go without the good harvest God has meant for you. The Lord means for you to be blessed, but you must be involved in the blessing!

Be not deceived! The devil will try other seemingly righteous ways to deceive you out of what rightfully belongs to you, too. Here is one example of how that can happen. After hearing me preach this message, a friend of mine told me that he had given a car to a missionary five years earlier and although God didn’t give him a car, he thought the harvest off of his gift was good health. As he told me this, God said to my heart, “That is not Scriptural, that is deception. I can’t give him health if he sowed a car. It is the law of Genesis: seed produces after its own kind.” So, I told him, “The devil’s been ripping you off for five years. You have been walking by your car and you didn’t even know it was yours, because you didn’t know what kind of seed you had sown.”

Within two weeks someone gave him a brand new car. The man who gave him the car said, “You know the Lord told me to give you a car five years ago, but I didn’t think you wanted one.” What had happened? My friend didn’t understand ‘whatsoever’ or the importance of naming his seed. Consequently, the devil held his harvest for five years. What happened when he finally decided to believe in the revelation of ‘whatsoever’ and naming seed? He got a car. You see, it is our responsibility to know our seed and name it to get specific in our faith and be not deceived.

All human life is sowing. Every time we think, or feel or exercise our will we are sowing. God tells us this all over the Bible. *If you want friends, show yourself friendly.* (Prov. 18:24) *If you don’t want to be judged, don’t judge others.* (Matt 7:1) *Whatever measure you meet, or use, is the measure that will be used in giving back to you.* (Luke 6:38)

Sowing and reaping is all over the Bible. It is a law that God instituted in the beginning and it applies to everything in life, and always will until the earth is no longer here. (Genesis 8:22) Sowing doubt and fear can destroy your faith, because fear is faith in reverse. Thoughts are also seeds. That is why God told us to take every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5) Sow to the spirit and not the flesh. As with all seed-sowing, the simple habit of thinking about your seed causes a growing sense of importance in your mind. This gives you continued inspiration to keep the faith.

Get in the habit of thinking about what you have sown. Pray to God and call your harvest in. Get specific and get involved. When you do that, you are cultivating the seed you have sown and the next step is reaping the harvest!

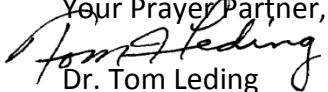
Now, let's get back to the origin of my revelation on naming your seed. Immediately, I remembered that I had given into many church building programs. I immediately sowed a seed naming it to pay off the office building. The seed gave me my harvest. That which I had sown for and expected to come, came in. I began to thank God for my harvest. From that day forward I continued to call in my harvest with the words of my mouth. I believed in my heart what God and His Word had told me and I kept confessing it. I also continued to give financially towards the pay-off of the building. I didn't give up on my named seed after a day or two. I kept at it with my faith, day in and day out, month after month and **in seven months our first Tom Leding Ministry facility was totally paid off!** My harvest came in and we shouted, "Glory to God!" all the way to the bank as we brought the last and final check to cancel the mortgage.

Now, Sue and I are stepping out in faith to build our new office building which we definitely need. We want to build the new TLM building on the land which we already own debt free. We have just completed the taping of our first four TV programs, and we want to do the filming on site in the future. Sue and I know that we could not have accomplished for God what we have without our Partner's help or the "practice" of naming our seed and calling in our harvest on our building.

God is faithful and has shown that He can always be relied upon to keep His Word – whether it pertains to spiritual, physical, or yes, even financial things! Whether it is the pay-off of a building, the purchase of a new home, a much needed car, a job or tuition for school, or whatever else, we just have to get in line with the Word and God will come through for us. For seven years I have shared around the world that we must name our seed. This message has impacted the lives of thousands upon thousands of people. I continue to hear people's testimonies today and I hope this message will impact your life as well.

Remember, 'whatsoever' you sow, that and only that, shall you also reap! If the devil has been stealing from you, turn around and tell him, "Hey, that's my harvest!" Get into the practice of naming your seed and drawing on your faith for specifics. I promise, if you hold God to His Word, refuse the lies of the enemy and faint not...you **will** reap!

"While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)

Your Prayer Partner,

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