

God's way of giving includes the promise of a return

What about you?

At the moment, how much of your regular income do you give away to gospel ministry? Would you say that you are being generous? Could you trust God to increase this over the next few years? Write a plan to increase the proportion of the wealth God will entrust to you that you will invest in the eternal work of his family. For example, this year x%, next year add 1% or 2%, 3rd year add another 1% or 2%, ... 10th year aim to be giving y% – whatever you decide cheerfully to give.

Verse

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

[2 CORINTHIANS 9:6]



Prayer – use this prayer or write your own:

Father, please bring a great harvest of righteousness and generosity into the lives of those who give to support my ministry. May they know your blessing in every area of their lives. Amen

For further reflection

Read 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15. Apart from money, how does this principle apply to our time and abilities, our family and career, etc?

Has anyone ever said to you, “Thank you – every little helps” when you have given them a gift? How does this comment show that the receiver is not thinking about you as the giver?

When the poor widow in Luke 21 gave of herself (see page 22), she may not have received huge monetary rewards, but the harvest of her generosity was her growing righteousness [2 CORINTHIANS 9:10]. What a difference if the receiver, instead of saying “Every little helps” had said, “Thank you. The Lord knows all our circumstances and he will bless you for this”.