

# The Spiritual Principle of Sowing and Reaping



**Genesis 8:22**

- The purpose of the spiritual principles is to exemplify the unchanging nature of God and to live a successful Christian life.
  - The spiritual principles are designed to promote successful living in the natural and spiritual realm.
  - Sowing and reaping is God's plan to provide for our lives.
  - It is God's plan to cause His will to reproduce after His kind.
  - Purpose: a faith building principle.
  - Objective: how to receive the provisions of God
  - Goal: to super abound and meet the needs of others.
  - God has no other provision in the natural or spiritual realm to provide for us.
  - Sow – to give the things of God according to the plan of God.
  - Reap – to receive the harvest of God that is provided for us through Jesus Christ.
  - There are two kinds of seeds that can be sown: (1) Natural, and (2) Spiritual
  - Natural – we sow the natural seed to receive the spiritual harvest. Tithes, offerings, and alms.
- When we sow the tithe (the seed of God), we are going to reap something spiritual (Malachi 3:10-12).
    1. He will provide for us (v. 10)
    2. He will rebuke the devourer for our sake (v. 11).
    3. He will protect us (v. 11 – the enemy will not destroy the fruit of your ground).
    4. Our vine will not cast its fruit before time (v. 11 – I will not miss my season).
    5. Our lives will be attractive to others (v. 12).
- Offering – a natural thing that you sow.
  - Alms - giving to the poor.
  - Spiritual – when we sow the spiritual seed, we reap the natural (Mark 4).

## Sowing With a Clean Heart

### Galatians 6:7

- The key to successful sowing and reaping is the condition of the heart.
  - The size of the gift alone does not determine the size of the harvest.
  - You can give two farmers the same amounts of seeds to sow, one farmer can get more crops from the same amounts of seeds than the other farmer.
  - Two people can give \$50.00 in tithes, and one may receive a better harvest based upon his heart.
  - The size of the gift alone does not determine the size of the harvest (Haggai 1:5-7).
  - In verse 8 – sowing to his flesh (old nature), sowing for personal gain.
- The reactions of a clean heart:
1. A clean heart sows unselfishly (Luke 6:27-38).
    - I know that I am sowing unselfishly when:
      - A. When I give to another that which I treasure the most.
      - B. When I do not judge the worthlessness of the receiver.
      - C. When I place the needs of others above my own.
      - D. When the seed sown is dead in my heart.
  2. A clean heart sows with the proper motivation (2 Cor. 9:5-7).
  3. A clean heart sows with clean hands (Gal. 5:9).