Principles of the Kingdom of God – Sowing and reaping

Job 4:8 As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.
Psalm 126:5 Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. (captives returning to Zion)
Hosea 8:7 "They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. (Israel worships idols and forsakes the Lord)
Hosea 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love
Hosea 10:13 But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception.
Roman 6:20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!
22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sowing Generously

2 Cor 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Galatians 6:8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

James 3:18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

Proverbs 11:18 The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.
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THE BASICS
Definitions
Sowing – seed: planting, spreading, doing, saying, thinking – Giving
Reaping – fruit: harvesting, gathering – Receiving

1. Each seed bears its own kind of fruit – We reap what we sow

We receive the fruit of what we plant – tomato seeds yield tomatoes

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   - Jesus talked about this in Matt 6 when he said – Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth – where moth and rust destroy - store up treasure in heaven – where your treasure is your heart will be also
   - Sow less to the flesh and more to the spirit – Starbucks example
   - Reaping eternal life is not just for you but for those you sow into

2. We always reap more than what we sow

A single seed yields a plant that contains thousands of seeds

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   - Both positive and negative – a small gossip can end up destroying someone’s life
   - Be careful about what you sow – unintended consequences
   - Be purposeful in your sowing...knowing that the harvest will be plentiful!
With respect to money, we reap in proportion to what we sow

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- If you are not experiencing this you have been sowing sparingly
- Test the Lord with your finances – Mal 3 -