

Financial Freedom: 3 of 4
“Sowing and Reaping”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: To have greater financial freedom, I must be **wise** with my wealth and trust that God is my **ultimate provider**.

“The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.” **Proverbs 11:18 (NIV)**

The foundational laws of sowing and reaping are:

1. Whatever I Sow Is _____

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.**

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.”

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

“Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you. But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors.” **Hosea 10:12-13 (NIV)**

- Sow a thought, reap an _____ → Sow an act, reap a _____
- Sow a habit, reap a _____ → Sow a character, reap a _____

“I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” **John 4:38 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. I Reap In A Different _____ Than I Sow

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the **proper time** we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ...a time **to plant** and a time to uproot, ...a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (NIV)

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” **Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV) Remember Verse**

Notes: _____

3. I Always Reap _____

“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, **multiplying** thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.” **Mark 4:8 (NIV)**

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap **generously**. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver**. 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.” **2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

4. The Time To Start Planting Is _____

“Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.” **Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT2)**

“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. 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.**” **2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)**

“**Trust** in the LORD and do good; **Dwell** in the land and **cultivate** faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.” **Psalms 37:3-4 (NASB)**

Notes: _____

➤ **What kind of seeds are you planting?**

To Gain Financial Freedom, I Will:

- Pay off a small debt by Christmas
- Save for a big purchase instead of purchasing by credit card
- Start planting seeds of generosity
- Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

- I would like to help “Deck The Halls” Dec. 1

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

Open your group with a prayer.

Icebreaker: What garden have you tended? What did you enjoy about it?
 What did you dread?

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How Do I Learn Contentment?

The foundational laws of sowing and reaping are:

1. Whatever I Sow Is What I Reap

Read Galatians 6:7-8

Where in your life do you need to sow to please the Spirit instead of your sinful nature?

Read Hosea 10:12-13

What laws of sowing and reaping do you see here?

Which has Israel Chosen?

Read the thoughts below and share if you agree or disagree and why?

- Sow a thought, reap an act → Sow an act, reap a habit;
- Sow a habit, reap a character → Sow a character, reap a destiny.

Read John 4:38

What principle of sowing and reaping do you discover here?

Are you the only sower?

Notes: _____

2. I Reap In A Different Season Than I Sow

Read Galatians 6:9-10

Why is there a time delay between sowing and reaping?

As you reflect on what you have sown this year, what harvest are you expecting?
Weeds? A bumper crop? Why?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

In the list of opposite seasons, which one are you in?

Does it help to know that it is only a season?

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV) Remember Verse

What are the top three foods that you are thankful for? Things? People?

Notes: _____

3. I Always Reap More Than I Sow

Read Mark 4:8

What principle can you learn about planting seeds from this passage?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

What do you make of the three “all’s” in verse 8?

What have you reaped by blessing others?

Notes: _____

4. The Time To Start Planting Is Now

Read Ecclesiastes 11:4

How can fear and worry affect your generosity?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-12

For what purpose will God materially bless these people?

How is giving contagious?

Why does it reflect God’s grace?

Close in Prayer: _____

