

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Part 3 “The Laws of Sowing and Reaping”

“The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who SOWS righteousness will be certain to REAP a reward.” Prov. 11:18

1. Everything starts as a seed

God said, “Let the land have seed-bearing plants and trees that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their varieties.” Gen. 1:11

2. Nothing happens until the seed is planted

“Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, it cannot reproduce. But if it dies, it will produce much fruit.” John 12:24

3. Whatever I sow is what I will reap

“Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you plant.” Gal. 6:7

4. I reap in a different season than when I sow

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven ... a time to plant and a time to harvest ... a time to scatter and a time to gather...” Eccl. 3:1-5

5. I always reap more than I sow

“Some seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times.” Mark 4:8

6. I increase my harvest by planting more seed

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he’s decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:6-7

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.” Prov. 11:24 (MSG)

7. It’s time to start planting now

“Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; and those who look at every cloud will never reap a harvest.” Eccl. 11:4

“Do your planting in the morning and in the evening, too! You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other.” Eccl. 11:6 (TEV)

8. I must not give up

“This is what the kingdom of God is like: A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.” Mark 4:26-28

“We must not become tired of doing good. We will reap a harvest at the right time IF we do not give up!” Gal. 6:9