

You Can Trust God's Perspective

Today's lesson is to assist everyone in accepting God's perspective. God shows us His plan for our lives. Most often it seems like more than we could ever achieve. He isn't showing us to overwhelm us, it is to give us a picture to allow Him to grow us into. It is motivation for us to stay the course and to give Him our permission & participation. Outside of increasing our ability to receive His perspective, our participation in His financial plan is typically the next challenge faced. Today we want to again encourage you to trust God's perspective. Especially as it pertains to the seeds you sow. The resources you need to fulfill the calls on your life will require that you participate in God's financial plan. This will require a complete acceptance and understanding of the seed sowing process.

First concept to solidify, in regard to God's financial plan for increase is that everything is either seed or harvest. If we do not completely understand this we will not recognize our seed in relation to our harvest. Could it be, you're not receiving the harvest you need because you've eaten your seed? (If you eat your seed, there will be no harvest!!!)

Mark 12:41-44 NLT

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.

42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

1. God always recognizes the sower.

Regardless of the audience, regardless of the amount God is paying attention to you and your sowing. Yes, it does matter whether or not you participate with God's financial plan. Those around you may or may not notice your participation in God's financial plan, but God does. No, you do not have to participate in God's financial plan to go to heaven. However, for most to accomplish the plans God has for our lives we need resources, resources that we need divine intervention to secure.

Personal Question: Does God see whether I give or not? _____

2 Corinthians 9:10 NLT

10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2. God always gives us seed to sow.

There will never be a day in your life when you have nothing to sow. The Bible is clear God gives seed to the sower. If you have been a hoarder in the past, it may be challenging to find seed. The Word says God gives seed to the sower. If you can't find seed, it's probably because you've eaten it. Survey your life with the Holy Spirit and ask him to reveal the seed available for you to sow. You can also ask God to honor a vow, asking Him to give you seed again and on that vow honor Him when He provides it.

Personal Question: Who provides the seeds we sow? _____

Genesis 15:6-10 NLT

6 And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

7 Then the Lord told him, "I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

8 But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?"

9 The Lord told him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 So Abram presented all these to him and killed them. Then he cut each animal down the middle and laid the halves side by side; he did not, however, cut the birds in half.

3. God always functions through His specified system.

The financial increase system consists of seed, time and harvest. When you ask God for a harvest, God will always ask you for a seed. He will not violate His system. God made Abraham a promise, "I'm going to bless you with a generational blessing." Abraham asked, "How will I know you're going to do this." God said, "Bring me an offering (Sow a seed)." He passed the seed test." The rich young ruler came to Jesus and said, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said, "Go sell what you have and follow me, be a disciple." He went away sad. He failed the money test.

Personal Question: What is God's specified system? _____

2 Corinthians 9:6 NLT

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

4. God always allows us to determine the size of our harvest.

When you increase the size of your seed, you increase the size of your harvest. I'm so excited to know that I'm scheduling the size of my harvest. The degree at which I sow will determine the degree at which I'm able to reap. Frequency, size/proportion are elements that effect our harvests. How often we sow will determine how often we reap. The amount of seeds sown will determine the size of the harvest we reap. If you desire to increase the seed you'd like to sow, begin sowing where you are and grow your seed through the financial principle, Sow/Reap/Sow Again.

Personal Question: What two elements effect the size of my harvest? _____

Psalm 126:6 NLT

6 They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

5. God always makes the seed bitter and the harvest sweet.

How do we identify the difference between the seed and the harvest? The seed is not enough (bitter). The harvest is more than enough (sweet). If it's not fulfilling, satisfying and overwhelming, DON'T EAT IT!

Personal Question: Which is bitter, the seed or the harvest? _____

Close with confession:

In the name of Jesus, I confess God's Word over my finances this day. I decree and declare, I will never be broke, another day in my life. With God's help, I can do all things. I know God recognizes the sower. So, I'm sure God recognizes me. I live my purpose and fulfilling that purpose adds wealth to my life. I am a responsible steward of God's resources. Therefore, God gives me more to manage. I participate in God's financial plan, right now and all the days of my life. I do not have fear in running out. I have faith in running over. I sow my seed with assurance. At this moment, God is speaking to men and women concerning giving to me. Those whom the Spirit of God designates are free to obey and give to me: good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. I am thankful for what I have been given. And, I am confident that God will use the seeds I have right now, to produce everything He has promised me. Money cometh to me now!! I believe it and I receive all the goodness God has for me, by faith.

In Jesus' name - AMEN