

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:10-19 (NLT)

¹¹ But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.

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¹² Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

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1 Timothy 6:10-19 (NLT) ¹³ And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate,

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¹⁴ that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

¹⁵ For, at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

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1 Timothy 6:10-19 (NLT)

¹⁶ He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.

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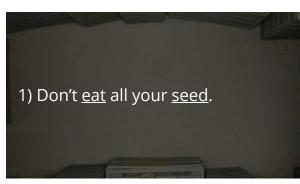
¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

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1 Timothy 6:10-19 (NLT) ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.



If we give our *tithe* (10% of our income) we are sowing seed to replace the size of our current crop.

If we give *offerings* beyond our tithe, we are sowing for an increase of next year's crop.

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Malachi 3:10-12 (NLT)

¹⁰ "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in!

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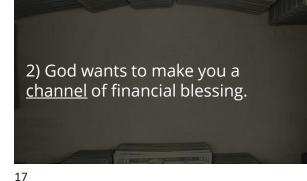
Malachi 3:10-12 (NLT)

¹⁰ Try it! Put me to the test! ¹¹ Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Malachi 3:10-12 (NLT)

¹² "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

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2 Corinthians 9:8 (Moffatt)

God is able to bless you with ample means, *so that* you may always have quite enough for any emergency of your own and ample besides for any kind act to others;

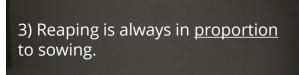
2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT)

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.

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2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT) ¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

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2 Corinthians 9:6 (NLT)

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.

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Luke 6:38 (NLT)

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

Financial blessing is not just something you *pray for* but something you *prepare for*.

4) We trust God with our seed and for <u>his timing</u>.

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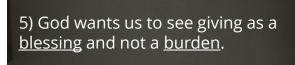
Galatians 6:9 (GNT) So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.

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Tithing is God's covenant with us. It works in any culture, anywhere in the world. The tithes and offerings of its citizens is how God's kingdom operates.

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2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Acts 20:35 (NLT)

"...You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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God is after our hearts more than anything else.

He knows that money can capture our hearts and make us materialistic which leads to spiritual dryness.

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"The Bible teaches that giving is an antidote to materialism. The materialism of the world says, 'Get, get, get.' The only antidote is giving; we do just the opposite of what the world says... ...As I learn to hold things with an open hand and return the first part to God, it breaks the grip of materialism in my life. It helps me develop the characteristics of God because 'God so loved the world that he gave' (John 3:16). If you want to become like Jesus, you must learn to be a giver." ~ Rick Warren