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When Money is Tight: This series is designed to help us be great stewards of the mammon that God has blessed upon us. When money is tight or abundant, God expects us to steward his money wisely.

Please read: 2 Corinthians 9:1-10

9 I don't need to write to you about this help for God's people. **2** I know that you want to help. I have been bragging about you to the people in Macedonia. I told them that you people in Achaia have been ready to give since last year. And your desire to give has made most of the people here ready to give also. **3** But I am sending these brothers to you. I don't want our bragging about you in this to be for nothing. I want you to be ready just as I said you would be. **4** If any of those from Macedonia come with me, and they find that you are not ready, we will be ashamed. We will be ashamed that we were so sure of you. And you will be ashamed too! **5** So I thought that I should ask these brothers to come there before we do. They will help in getting together the generous gift you promised. Then it will be ready when we come, and it will be seen as a blessing you are giving, not as something you were forced to do.

6 Remember this: The one who plants few seeds will have a small harvest. But the one who plants a lot will have a big harvest. 7 Each one of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give. You should not give if it makes you unhappy or if you feel forced to give. God loves those who are happy to give. 8 And God can give you more blessings than you need, and you will always have plenty of everything. You will have enough to give to every good work.

9 As the Scriptures say,

"He gives generously to the poor;
his goodness will continue forever."

10 God is the one who gives seed to those who plant, and he gives bread for food. And God will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will produce a great harvest from your goodness.

Please read: Galatians 6:6-10

6 Whoever is being taught God's word should share the good things they have with the one who is teaching them.

7 If you think you can fool God, you are only fooling yourselves. You will harvest what you plant. 8 If you live to satisfy your sinful self, the harvest you will get from that will be eternal death. But if you live to please the Spirit, your harvest from the Spirit will be eternal life. **9 We must not get tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up. 10** When we have the opportunity to do good to anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

Please read: Hosea 10:12-13

12 If you plant goodness, you will harvest faithful love. Plow your ground, and you will harvest with the LORD. He will come, and he will make goodness fall on you like rain.

13 But you planted evil, and you harvested trouble. You ate the fruit of your lies because you had trusted in your power and your soldiers.

Prayer: *Lord, examine my heart. Plow my heart so that I might reap a harvest with the Lord. Help, me to remember this principle: the one who plants sparingly, will reap sparingly, but the one who sows generously will reap generously. Lord, allow me to be a generous person.*