

Reasons We Sow

 **1. Out of love.**

- **Matthew 6:21** NKJV ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- **John 3:16** NKJV ... For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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 **2. Out of honor.**

- **Proverbs 3:9-10** NKJV ... Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- **Malachi 1:6-8** NKJV ... Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' 7 "You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is [c]ontemptible.' 8 And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil?"

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 **3. Out of obedience.**

- **Malachi 3:10** NKJV ... Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house
- **Malachi 3:10 b** NKJV ... And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.
- **Isaiah 1:19** NKJV ... If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land

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 **4. In expectation.**

- **Genesis 8:22** NKJV ... "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."
- **1 Kings 17: 13-14** NKJV ... And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' "
- **Hebrews 11:6** NKJV ... But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

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How We Reap

 **1. We reap what we sow.**

- **Galatians 6:7** NKJV ... Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

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 **2. We reap in proportion to how we sow.**

- **2 Corinthians 9:6** NKJV ... But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- **1 Kings 17:15-16** NKJV ... So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

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 **3. We always reap more than we sow.**

- **Luke 6:38** NKJV ... Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."
- **Malachi 3:10-11** NKJV ... 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes..."
- **2 Corinthians 9:6-10** NKJV ... But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 10 Now [g] may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of our righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

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