

Supernatural Seed
Abundant Harvest Sunday
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Communion Notes

Just like when we prepare for a bad winter storm, we show our faith by preparing for the promises of God.

1 Corinthians 11:27-32 ²⁷Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. ²⁹For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. ³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.”
You are worthy!!

Jesus' blood is worth much more than the blood of bulls and goats. The blood of bulls and goats in the Old Testament was a way to repent to be forgiven, but the sins repented of were not forgotten. Jesus' blood gives you forgiveness and wipes everything from remembrance.

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19 out of 38 of Jesus' parables: 20% of what Jesus spoke on had to deal with giving and finances. One would think that God thought that we needed the most direction in this area.

Pursue Christ first and His righteousness, then we can pursue other things, but PUT CHRIST FIRST!

2 Corinthians 12:13 (KJV) “For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.”

2 Corinthians 12:13 (Amplified) “For in what respect were you put to a disadvantage in comparison with the rest of the churches, unless [it was for the fact] that I myself did not burden you [with my financial support]? Pardon me [for doing you] this injustice!”

2 Corinthians 12:13 (Message) ¹¹⁻¹³Well, now I've done it! I've made a complete fool of myself by going on like this. But it's not all my fault; you put me up to it. You should have been doing this for me, sticking up for me and commending me instead of making me do it for myself. You know from personal experience that even if I'm a nobody, a nothing, I wasn't second-rate compared to those big-shot apostles you're so taken with. All the signs that mark a true apostle were in

evidence while I was with you through both good times and bad: signs of portent, signs of wonder, signs of power. Did you get less of me or of God than any of the other churches? The only thing you got less of was less responsibility for my upkeep. Well, I'm sorry. Forgive me for depriving you.”

2 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT) “The only thing I failed to do, which I do in the other churches, was to become a financial burden to you. Please forgive me for this wrong!”

The farmer plants a seed with anticipation and expectation to have a harvest afterward. When we plant our seed, we need to anticipate and expect that harvest, but always, always put God first, ever over the harvest that you plant for.

2 Corinthians 9:9-10 “⁹(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. ¹⁰Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)”

God will not give seed to people who do not sow. Whenever you purpose to sow into God’s kingdom, He will provide that seed and make it multiply!

2 Corinthians 9:1-2 “¹For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: ²For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.”

When you fully understand that sow/harvest principle, you can be truly enthusiastic about giving. That enthusiasm will spread to people around you. Never give out of a heart of grunge or need to be persuaded to give, be enthusiastic.

2 Corinthians 9:6 “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”

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.”

2 Corinthians 9:6 (Message) “⁶⁻⁷Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.”

Do not think that because you do not think that because you do not have much to sow financially that you will not reap bountifully. God acknowledges your heart over your quantity. Remember the passage in Mark 12 when the old widow give but two small pieces of money and Christ called her as giving more than anyone else in the temple. With the right heart you will reap much. We sow based on our harvest right now. As you give, your harvest will grow, then you can give more, then your harvest will grow, and you can give even more.

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”
If you do not give, God will not give you seed.

Never give up on the seed that you have already sown. Keep waiting, it will grow.

Philippians 4:15-19 “¹⁵Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. ¹⁶For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. ¹⁷Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. ¹⁸But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. ¹⁹But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”