

Sowing: The Way to Go

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Text: Ecc. 11:1

Opening Summary

Sowing is the way to go. The Lord gave me this message to deliver because of what's coming. But you can be sure, when you follow God's economic plan, you will be abundantly supplied with blessing no matter what comes your way.

I. Let's define our terms.

- A. Sowing (Web. 1828 ed.) means scattering as seed; the act of scattering seed for propagation.
- B. Propagation: continuance or multiplication of the kind by generation or successive production.
- C. When the seed is scattered, it has within it the ability to produce again and again successfully.

II. Gen. 8:22: This is the law of the seed.

- A. Seedtime means sowing time.
- B. This process happens as long as the earth is here, generation after generation.

III. Mat. 10:39: Give your life as a seed.

- A. If you give up what you want, you will gain eternal life.
- B. You shouldn't have to ask Christians to serve. They should want to.

IV. Pro. 19:17: Be kind to the poor. *Pity* means *kindness*.

- A. Give to the poor.
- B. Luke 14:12-14: When you make a feast, invite those who can't pay you back.

V. Mat. 6:19-21: Wherever your money goes tells where your heart is.

- A. Moths eat holes in your clothes.
- B. Rust accumulates on our cars. It's the result of living in a wintery climate. In Michigan it snows in winter. They put salt on the roads so we can drive on them. The salt eats away at the body of the car and causes it to rust.
- C. Moths can be inflation, depression and other economic changes.
- D. Mat. 6:33 is God's economic program that works.
- E. Luke 12:16-21: If you think all your wealth is the result of what you did, the Bible calls you a fool.

- VI. Ecc. 11:1-2: Sow seed for all circumstances.
 - A. You can have planted seed for whatever challenge comes your way.
 - B. Ecc. 11:3: A seed can be planted in the right area.
 - C. Ecc. 11:4: He that looks at the economy or the news, won't sow.
 - D. Ecc. 11:5: You may not understand how something works, but it still works.
 - E. Ecc. 11:6: Sow seed in many places, because it will come up when you need it.

- VII. Luke 21:1-4: The size of your seed should be what's big to you.
 - A. What God is able to get to you is dependent on what He can get through you!
 - B. Big seed brings a big return.

- VIII. Testimony: We decided to put one of the church's assets up for sale. Then, last Sunday, the Lord told me to sow \$100,000 and send it to a smaller church. I gave it and named that seed for a quick sale of our asset. By Thursday (four days later), the asset sold for \$1,000,000. We received a great profit.

- IX. What holds up returns?
 - A. Disobedience will cause you to miss your window for giving.
 - B. Gal. 5:6: Faith is made active by love. Strife and unforgiveness holds up your return.
 - C. Failure to follow the five elements of faith will hold up your return. Those elements are hearing, receiving, believing, speaking and acting.
 1. Hearing: Hear the Word with the ear and heart (Rom 10:17).
 2. Receiving: Take hold of the engrafted Word (Jam 1:21).
 3. Believing: Believe what the Word says about your situation (Rom. 10:9-10).
 4. Speaking: Say what the Word says about your situation (Rom. 10:8; Mark 11:23).
 5. Acting: Be a doer of the Word (Jam 1:22).
 - D. Be in position to hear the instruction of the Lord.

- X. Harder economic times are coming in the earth. For those who have seed planted in the earth, you'll have a harvest. You don't know which seed will spring up at the right time and meet your need.

- XI. Php. 4:15-19: When you give this way, God shall supply all your need. God shall cram your net full according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
 - A. God is your provider.
 - B. All your need shall be met according to the Word of God.

Closing Summary

Harder economic times are coming, but God has given you a way out. When you take heed to His Word and begin to sow where He tells you, only blessings will follow. You will see that the Lord is your strength and shield. As the 3rd Psalm says, He is your glory and the One Who lifts your head.