

Give Eagerly



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV 1984)

Although many of the Bible's teachings are not practiced in the business world today, one principle is adopted regularly. Many business investors use the motto: Invest a little, make a little ...invest a lot, make a lot. Perhaps you have followed this motto for monetary gain. The principle has worked for some people, but it has been a catastrophe for others who invested in the wrong thing.

Investing can be risky if you don't understand what you are investing in. The attraction of giving to God's kingdom work is that you're investing in an unchanging God who freely gives eternal life for those who seek Him. God promises a special "return on investment" for those whose giving goes toward his Kingdom. He encourages us to give generously with the promise the return of that investment will be generous.

We can give eagerly knowing full well that God will bless our giving. Those who practice generous giving have seen many blessings come into their lives. Through our giving we eagerly anticipate that God will generously bless us.

King Solomon expressed this same principle of generosity in Proverbs 11:25, "*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others, will be refreshed*". God does not want us to give with a selfish intent. It is easy to focus on ourselves (needs and desires) rather than others. Eager investing channels gifts toward ministries that focus on sharing Jesus with others. May our combined efforts at Good Shepherd always focus on Jesus!