

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

We once planted a garden in our backyard. Now, I had zero experience in the art of growing things. So I read a little bit, talked to some trusted, more experienced friends, and got started. It may sound silly, but it really surprised me how many tomatoes we got from the relatively few seeds we planted. I was introduced in a visible way to the law of sowing and reaping.

Are you familiar with the law of sowing and reaping? That is, you reap *what* you've sown, *more* than you've sown, and *later* than you've sown. All throughout Scripture we see this principle of reaping, whether it has to do with behavior, the use of resources, but particularly with respect to giving. We get back when we give. When we give, God returns it to us. I need to say that the purpose of giving is not for us to get. You might say we give to get to give again.

Second Corinthians chapter 9, verses 6 through 8 underscores this principle. “Now this I say, ‘he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.’”

There are three perspectives outlined in these verses concerning this law of sowing and reaping. Number one, we should give generously. Secondly, we should give cheerfully. Then thirdly, we should give expectantly.

Here's what I want you to remember today. How's your giving? How's your attitude toward giving? Some of us have barren gardens because we haven't put any seeds in the ground. We just can't reap what we haven't sown.