

Finances & Harvest

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (2 Cor. 9:6)

The same principle which G-d established to govern agriculture, specifically the fruit bearing of a farmer's crops, He also applies to harvest. So if we sow financially into His Kingdom, we will also *reap bountifully*. The enemy of G-d (Satan) does not really want us to know these things. But the *wisdom from above* when appropriated and used, will yield a crop regardless of the economy and circumstances. As one famous speaker said: *“there is no recession in heaven.”* *Yeshua* also illustrated the proper attitude toward finances in many situations in the *B'rit Chadasha*. What cause and effect sequences did the L-rd. intend for us to pay attention to when it comes to finances?

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Gal. 6:7-8)

Dr. Wilkinson alluded to the Law of Sowing and Reaping in the recently concluded Payer of Jabez sessions we watched last month. It is evident then that the following maxims apply.

- We reap **what** we sow.
- We reap **where** we sow.
- We reap **in proportion** to what we sow.
- We reap **in another season** than we sow.

Financial Cause-and-Effect Sequences

1. **Assets Devoured** ⇔ When there is **No Tithing**

¹⁰*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says יהוה Tzva'ot (the LORD of hosts), “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. ¹¹“Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,” says יהוה Tzva'ot. (Malachi 3:10-11)*

2. **Riches to Strangers** ⇔ When there is **Immorality**

⁸*“Keep your way far from her And do not go near the door of her house, ⁹Or you will give your vigor to others And your years to the cruel one; ¹⁰And strangers will be filled with your strength And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien.” (Proverbs 5:8-10)*

3. **Profit Loss** ⇔ When there is **Dishonor of Parents**

²*“Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³so that it may be well with you...” (Ephesians 6:2-3a)*

4. **Deterioration** ⇔ When there is **Slothfulness**

³⁰*“I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense, ³¹And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; Its surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall was broken down.” (Proverbs 24:30-31)*

5. **Sorrows & Grief** ⇔ When there is **Desire to be Rich**

¹⁰*For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (1 Timothy 6:10)*

6. **Sudden Poverty** ⇔ When there is **Scheming & Greediness**

⁶*He who is greedy rushes after riches, not knowing that want will overtake him.” (Proverbs 28:22)*

7. **Bondage** ⇔ When there is **Borrowing**

⁷*The rich rule the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.” (Proverbs 22:7) The Hebrew word for interest means to be bitten by a viper snake!*

8. **Business Losses** ⇔ When there are **Unscriptural Partnerships**

¹*My son, if you have put up security for your friend, if you committed yourself on behalf of another; ²you have been snared by the words of your mouth, caught by the words of your own mouth...” (Prov. 6:1-5)*

9. **Miseries** ⇔ When there are **Unfair Wages**

¹*Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. ³Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure! ⁴Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of יהוה Tzva’ot” (James 5:1-4)*

10. **Thefts** ⇔ When there is **Extravagance**

¹⁹*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19)*

11. **Adonai’s Wrath** ⇔ When there is **Cheating Widows**

¹⁰*Do not move the ancient boundary Or go into the fields of the fatherless, ¹¹For their Redeemer is strong; He will plead their case against you” (Proverbs 23:10-11)*

12. **Begging Food** ⇔ When there is **Laziness**

⁴*The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing... ¹³Do not love sleep, or you will become poor; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food” (Prov. 20:4, 13)”*

13. **Family Trouble** ⇔ When there is **Greed**

²⁷*The greedy for gain brings trouble to his home, but he who hates bribes will live.” (Prov. 15:27)*

14. **No Job** ⇔ When there is **Lack of Diligence**

²⁹*Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men” (Proverbs 15:29)*

15. **Poverty** ⇔ When there is **Pride and No Fear of G-d**

⁴*The reward for humility is fear of ADONAI, along with wealth, honor and life” (Prov. 22:4)*

16. **Labor in Vain** ⇔ When there is **Broken Vows**

“When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools... Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?” (Ecc. 5:4-6)

17. **Unanswered Prayers** ⇔ When there is **Bitterness**

“⁷You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7)

18. **Public Ridicule** ⇔ When there are **Poor Plans**

“²⁸For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him.” (Luke 14:28-29)

19. **No Increase** ⇔ When there is **Stinginess**

“...you shall not harden your heart...and your eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; ...You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.” (Deut. 15:7-10)

Financial Responsibility Includes Six Learnable Principles

1. The **VALUE** of money
2. The **DANGER** of money.
3. The **SAVING** of money.
4. The **GIVING** of money.
5. The **WORKING** for money.
6. The **PRAYING** for money.