

A close-up photograph of two hands, one larger and one smaller, gently cupping a small green seedling with dark soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

THE GRACE

OF GIVING

Part 3 We can only reap what we sow.

35 "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*"

Acts 20:35

Legalism's question is,
"What do I **HAVE** to
do?"

GRACE's question is,
"What do I **GET** to do?"

6 Now this *I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

2 Corinthians 9:6–14

7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, ***not grudgingly or under compulsion***, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 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;

9 as it is written, "HE
SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE
TO THE POOR, HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES
FOREVER."

10 Now He who supplies *seed* to the sower *and bread* for food will supply and *multiply your seed for sowing* and *increase the harvest of your righteousness*;

11 you will be *enriched in everything for all liberality*, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

The world has "laws"
of economics, based
on observations of the
behaviors of greed.
("Supply / Demand")

The Kingdom also has laws of economics, based on the behaviors of generosity. (Sowing and reaping)

38 "*Give, and it will be given to you.* They will pour into your lap a *good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over.*

Luke 6:38

For *by your standard of
measure it will be measured to
you in return.*

The economy of the kingdom works on the same principles as agricultural sowing and reaping.

When we have seed, we
can **eat** it (use it for
ourselves) or **sow** it
(into various Kingdom
growing "fields")

Places to Sow for
good Harvest:

1. those who cannot
(or will not) repay you

**12 And He also went on to say
to the one who had invited Him,
“When you give a luncheon or a
dinner,**

Luke 14:12–14

do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and *that* *will be your repayment.*

13 "But when you give a
reception, *invite the poor, the
crippled, the lame, the blind,*

14 and *you will be blessed,*
since *they do not have the*
means to repay you; for *you will*
be repaid *at the resurrection* *of*
the righteous."