

**Faith Works Finances**  
**“How to Apply Faith to Financial Management”**  
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*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor. 9:6-11*

As Christians we stand on these statements of faith:

- The Christian will live by faith. Rom. 1:17
- Whatever is not of faith is sin. Rom. 14:23
- Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6
- The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself in love. Gal. 5:6

Foundational Truths to Support Our Faith

- God is the owner; we are the managers.
- Worldly wealth and true riches are different things.
- If you are faithful with a little you will be entrusted with much.
- Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

3 Faith Principles for Financial Management

1. Sow generously and you will reap generously. Sow sparingly and you will reap sparingly.

- You decide how much or how little to sow.
- You will reap how much or how little you sow.
- Whatever you sow, do it cheerfully.

Beware the reluctant heart. Better to give less than more begrudgingly.

2. Your sowing and reaping is for the purpose of greater and greater generosity.

- All grace
- All things
- All times
- All you need
- Every good work

Beware the selfish motive. The heart is everything!

3. Your faithful generosity will bring thanksgiving and honor to God.

- God will provide what you need to be generous.
- God will enlarge your harvest of righteousness.
- God will enrich you in order to give more.
- God will receive the glory!

Beware the love of money. It will pierce your heart with many griefs.

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot

Revelation 1:5-6

*To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*