

Sowing Up & Sowing Down Health & Wealth God's Way

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I. Settle It Forever! God wants us blessed ETERNALLY. He also wants us blessed INTERNALLY deep within our character. But to God, that is not enough. He also wants us blessed EXTERNALLY with Health and Wealth. Without personal health and the resources to do His will, we cannot be a blessing to others or our families! The Lord wants to bless our whole man (spirit, soul and body), our whole family, and our whole life. His Blessing is offered as 100% Coverage!

- *3 John 2 KJV - Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*
- *Proverbs 10:22 KJV - The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*
- The Blessing of God that is both Eternal and Internal, should also bring blessings that are External! I am Blessed to be a Blessing!
- God hates sin! God hates sickness! And God hates poverty too! *Acts 10:38 KJV - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and **healing all that were oppressed of the devil**; for God was with him. Philippians 4:19 KJV - **But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***
- Jesus taught that all things both natural and supernatural operate according to the “Law of Sowing and Reaping.”
- **The Law Of The Seed Rules Heaven & Earth!** Jesus taught that everything, everywhere, operates according to the principle of sowing and reaping. Your money is a seed. Your time is a seed. Your love is a seed. Your labor is a seed. Your respect for another is a seed.
- **The POWER is in the SEED!** One day as I was walking outdoors, I observed some huge majestic pine trees reaching towards the sky, and I began praising God for their greatness. The Holy Spirit gently interrupted me and said, “*The power is in the SEED, not the tree!*” Bound up on the inside of that tiny seed is the magnificent genetic code for what it will one day become a huge pine tree. Therefore the very moment I place my check in an offering bucket, I JUST BECAME RICHER! That very moment I am the richer, not later! The power is in the seed, NOT the harvest! The seed carries the invisible instructions to become a harvest.

II. “We Can Sow DOWN for DIVINE HEALTH!” (Mike Murdock)

- *Psalm 41:1-3 KJV - Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.*
- Giving more to the poor helps to secure our own health. Health and healing is a Divine Reward for helping the poor.
- Doing more for the poor is God’s chosen SEED for our health and healing. One can TARGET better health for themselves by sowing DOWN to the poor!
- Acting with more compassion towards the poor is a PASSPORT into greater health!
- Note the connections between MINISTERING TO THE POOR and HEALTH, PROTECTION AND STRENGTH in Isaiah. *Isaiah 58:6-12 KJV - Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.*
- Note the Promise of *Proverbs 19:17. KJV - He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. MSG - Mercy to the needy is a loan to GOD, and GOD pays back those loans in full. NLT - If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you!*
- In *Proverbs 19:17* above, God promises to repay us whenever we give to the poor. But He DOES NOT promise any kind of financial multiplication for this kind of giving. He simply says if we give to the poor, we won’t miss it! He promises to replace it, to repay it.! But not to multiply it! This is because giving DOWN to the poor is NOT a way towards wealth, but a way to HEALTH.

III. “We Can Sow UP for DIVINE WEALTH!” (Mike Murdock)

● *Philippians 4:14-19 AMPLIFIED BIBLE – But it was right and commendable and noble of you to contribute for my needs and to share my difficulties with me. And you Philippians yourselves well know that in the early days of the Gospel ministry, when I left Macedonia, no church (assembly) entered into partnership with me and opened up [a debit and credit] account in giving and receiving except you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent [me contributions] for my needs, not only once but a second time. Not that I seek or am eager for [your] gift, but I do seek and am eager for the fruit which increases to your credit [the harvest of blessing that is accumulating to your account]. But I have [your full payment] and more; I have everything I need and am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent me. [They are the] fragrant odor of an offering and sacrifice which God welcomes and in which He delights. And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

● In Numbers Chapter 18, the Israelites tithed UP to the Levites! Then the Levites tithed UP to the Priests! In turn the Priests then tithed UP to the High Priest! (Although the scriptures don't tell us this, my guess is that the High Priest, in turn, tithed UP to The Prophet who was Moses at the time.)

● We must sow into the ANOINTING to gain supernatural wealth. This is GOD'S WAY INTO WEALTH!

● For increased wealth, we must sow into an anointing that is larger or more longstanding than our own.

● When we sow into an anointing HIGHER than our own, this authorizes Heaven to make us richer!

● In 1 Kings chapter 17, the starving widow woman of Zarephath sowed into the ministry of Elijah and survived an extended famine as a result. She sowed into the higher anointing and reaped the rewards!

● In 2 Kings chapter 4 a woman and her husband entered into a covenant relationship with Elijah's successor, Elisha, by building him a motel room to stay in. They remodeled their home to make room for the man of God. Read where this woman PERCEIVED THE PROPHET, RECEIVED THE PROPHET, AND AS A RESULT. CONCEIVED THE PROPHETS REWARD!

● *2 Kings 4:8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee?*

● To the degree we honor and respect the anointed messengers whom God sends into our lives, only to that same measure may God prosper us; no more, no less!

● Jesus taught that our heart follows our wallet, not the other way around. Wherever our money goes, our heart goes, He taught. See Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34. Therefore we should tithe UP to our spiritual father in the Lord, if we want our hearts remain loyal to the man of God. All associate pastors

should tithe UP to the senior pastor to keep their hearts loyal to him. An associate is assigned to the senior pastor, NOT to the people. Tithing UP to him and not DOWN to the people will keep an associate from becoming an independent rebel at some point.

- As we obey the Spirit and SOW INTO THE ANOINTING, we shall, over time, obtain WEALTH... GOD'S WAY!

IV. CONCLUSIONS: Giving Authorizes Receiving!

- Sowing our seeds DOWN to help the poor secures increased health!
- Sowing our seeds UP into a higher anointing secures increased wealth!
- Sowing financial gifts UP into anointed ministries authorizes God to increase my own resources.
- Sowing financial gifts DOWN to help the poor releases more health and strength into my body.
- We can and should EXPECT a specific financial harvest when we give to a ministry.
- We can and should EXPECT greater health and strength when we get involved with projects that relieve the poor from their suffering.
- If I am struggling with a stubborn health issue in my body, a key to receiving my healing is targeting my gifts to the poor. I can name the SEED for the harvest of health I NEED.
- If I am facing a financial need, I can target a man of God and increase my giving into his ministry as seeds for my own financial breakthrough!
- Increased warfare against my body demands increased sowing to the poor.
- Increased warfare against my finances requires increased sowing into the ministry.
- The more I bless THE MINISTRY, the more money I will enjoy... automatically!
- The more I bless THE POOR, the more health and strength are mine... automatically!