

“My Gain in Giving”
Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • pt. 19
2 Corinthians 9:1-6

INTRODUCTION

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”
– Winston Churchill

- why the emphasis on giving?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- laws of the harvest
 - a. we reap in like-kind with what we’ve sown.
 - b. we reap more than we sow.
 - c. we reap in proportion to what we sow.

1. Negative sowing: unto the flesh

1 Cor. 6:18; 10:14; 2 Tim. 2:22
“There is no resistance to Satan other than flight.”
– Dietrich Bonhoeffer
“Flee temptation and don’t leave a forwarding address.”
– Anonymous

2. Positive sowing: unto the spirit

- sowing ‘fruit-that-lasts-for-eternity’ seeds
Eph. 2:10; Tit. 2:14; 3:1, 8
- God’s greater blessing
Acts 20:35
Prov. 11:25; 19:17; Lk. 6:38

Mk. 10:28-30; Eph. 3:20-21

“It is right to tell men that obedience to God, devotion to His glory and the good of others, will effectually promote their own welfare.”
– Charles Hodge

- condition for blessing
Eph. 5:5; Mt. 6:24
1 Tim. 6:17-19; Mt. 6:33
- invest *now!*

“It’s not what I’d do with a million,
If riches e’er fell to my lot,
But it’s what I will do at the present
With the ten dollar bill that I’ve got.”
– Anonymous

BIG IDEA

My _____ yields _____.