

INVESTING BLESSING

August 30, 2020 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 by Bob Branch
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BIG IDEA: Your giving is an investment in God's life in you (and the world), which yields great returns—both now and in eternity.

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **[INVESTMENT]** ⁷ 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.

[ATTITUDE] ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. **[MORE THAN ENOUGH]**

⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." **[ROI: ETERNAL PAYBACK]**

¹⁰ 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. **[ROI: SOW BLESSING--REAP BLESSING]** ¹¹ 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. **[ROI: MORE TO GIVE]** ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. **[ROI: THANKS TO GOD]** ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. **[ROI: YOUR EXAMPLE-TESTIMONY]** ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because

of the surpassing grace God has given you. **[ROI: PRAYER BENEFITS & CONNECTION]** ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! **[ALL GOD'S GENEROSITY]**

1. Your giving is a _____.

"... Those who sow blessing, reap blessing."

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." **Luke 6:38** NLT (1 Tim. 6:17-19)

Sow seed—allow time—growth—harvest

What can you give?

2. _____ is everything.

"God loves a cheerful giver." **Prov. 22:9**

DECIDE: Take responsibility.

ROI PRINCIPLES & PROMISES

3. You _____ God. (10-11)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." **Malachi 3:10**

4. God will be _____ and _____.

"let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

5. It will _____ to others. (Acts 4:32-37)

Decide. Share what you have. Sow-Invest, anticipate ROI