

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a US dollar bill. The focus is on the text "IN GOD WE TRUST" printed in a dark, serif font. The bill's intricate security patterns, including a scalloped border at the top and a grid-like pattern at the bottom, are visible but out of focus. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the paper.

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**As Christ followers, we
acknowledge all that
we have belongs to
God.**

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Principle #1: As Christ followers, we honor God when we are content with what He has provided for us.

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Principle #2: As Christ followers, we honor God when we conduct ourselves financially in a responsible and accountable manner.

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Principle #3: As Christ followers, we honor God when we excel in our giving and give sacrificially.

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Principle #4: As Christ followers, we honor God when we give our tithes and offerings on a systematic and regular schedule.

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Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident.

(2 Corinthians 9:1-4)

To Sow or Not to Sow? – 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

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Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches in Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

(1 Corinthians 16:1-2, ESV)

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So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:5-7, ESV)

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How Should We Sow?

How Not to Give	How to Give
Exaction	
Sparingly	
Reluctantly	

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How Should We Sow?

How Not to Give	How to Give
Exaction	Willingly
Sparingly	Bountifully
Reluctantly	Cheerfully

To Sow or Not to Sow? – **2 Corinthians 9:1-15**

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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

(2 Corinthians 9:8-9, ESV)

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What Do We Reap?

1. The Gift of Joy in Meeting Other People's Needs

Careful Living – Proverbs 6:1-11

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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. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

(2 Corinthians 9:10-11, ESV)

To Sow or Not to Sow? – 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

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For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

(2 Corinthians 9:12-14, ESV)

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3. Gratitude and Glory to God
4. **Genuine Community with Other Believers**

Careful Living – Proverbs 6:1-11

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**Thanks be to God for
his inexpressible gift!**

(2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV)

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How are You Doing?

Systematic Giving.

- How do you decide what you will give?
- How often do you give it?
- Do you give it as an act of worship or as just another bill to be paid?
- How do you respond to special needs as they arise?

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