



# Abundant

## Planting & Harvesting

Key Scripture:

John 10:10 NKJV

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

### Seeds for Abundance...

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.

**But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.** 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 8 And **God will generously provide all you need.** Then **you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.**

### Elements that prevent an abundant harvest...

✓ Letting your pursuits **scorch** your identity.

James 1:11 ESV

For the **sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass**; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. **So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.**

✓ **Flooding** caused by the determination to get rich.

1 Timothy 6:9 WEB

But **those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful lusts**, such as **drown men in ruin and destruction.**

✓ Letting the **thorns** choke out God's Word.

Matthew 13:22 NKJV

Now he who received seed among **the thorns** is he who hears the word, and the **cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word**, and **he becomes unfruitful.**

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### Keys to an Abundant Harvest...

1. **Decide** in your heart to be a giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7a NLT

You must each decide in your heart how much to give.

2. Be **ready** to give.

2 Corinthians 9:2 TLB

...you were ready to send an offering a year ago.

3. Give with a **cheerful** heart.

2 Corinthians 9:7b NLT

And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

"For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

4. **Generously** plant in faith.

2 Corinthians 9:6 NLT

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.

**But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.**

Luke 6:38 Message

Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back — given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. **Generosity begets generosity.**

5. Thank God who abundantly **provides** & increases!

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NLT

10 For **God is the one who provides** seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, **He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.** 11 Yes, **you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.** And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Corinthians 9:15 TLB

**Thank God for His Son**-His Gift too wonderful for words.

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