

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Seeds of Generosity...

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 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.**

9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor.

Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

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.

Elements that prevent a generous crop...

✓ **Dryness / Scorching Heat**

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 / Too much Water**

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**

✓ **Weeds / Thorns**

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.**

Cultivate Faith

Psalms 37:3 NASB

Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land and **cultivate faithfulness.**

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Grow Your Generosity

Cultivating Generosity...

1. Be ready and willing to give.

2 Corinthians 9:2 TLB

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

2 Corinthians 8:12 NIV

For **if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable...**

2. Be intentional - decide in your heart what to give.

2 Corinthians 9:7a NLT

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

3. Cheerfully give.

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 & you will generously harvest.

2 Corinthians 9:6 NLT

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

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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 the LORD who generously provides!

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NLT

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2 Corinthians 9:15 TLB

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

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