



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

## PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

### God's Trust Fund

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A "Trust Fund" consists of assets (property, bank accounts, etc.) managed by a trustee for the fund's beneficiaries. On the other hand, God's "Trust Fund" refers to spiritual treasures that must be deposited in each one's account in heaven, so as to attain eternal life. Thus, we should not store treasures on earth; rather, we should store up treasures in heaven (Mt 6:19-21).

#### 1. Seed Time and Harvest

- In Gen. 8:20-22, after the great flood, Noah built an altar as thanksgiving. God was so pleased that He promised that the earth would never be destroyed again. Seed time and harvest would never cease.
- Sowing seed is an act of faith to accomplish a certain harvest. Like seed that bears fruit, faith grows when we hear the word of God (Rom 10:17). When the words that are sown in our hearts grow, our soul prospers. God offers salvation with health, wealth and abundant life (Prov 3).
- The enemy will try to steal our joy and peace, but God will restore whatever we have lost (Joel 2:23-27).

#### 2. What determines our harvest (Mt 13)?

**2.1 Soil** The seed must be sown in fertile soil. Like soil, our hearts should be ready and eager to receive the Word of God.

**2.2 Depth** The seed must be deeply rooted. The Word of God must grow deep in our hearts, so that we will not be destroyed by storms of life.

**2.3 Season** There is a time to sow and a time to reap (Ecc.3:11). Faith needs time to grow.

**2.4 Place** We should choose wisely where we plant the seed. Where do we grow our faith? The sowers are the teachers and priests; they labor in teaching and preaching and should be given double honor (1 Tim 5:17-18).

#### 3. The Law of Sowing and Reaping (2 Cor 9: 6-9)

Every action has a corresponding result. This is established in the natural world and in the spiritual realm.

##### 3.1 The Law of the Harvest

- Each one of us is a sower. If we sow sparingly, then we reap sparingly. When we sow abundantly, so our produce will also be. Let us sow seed that will produce good harvest: give hope and goodness; bless others with generosity. We will be enriched so we can be generous in every occasion. Hence, joy will be the by-product of our goodness even during bad times (Ps 126:5-6).

##### 3.2 Matter of the heart

- We cannot seek first His Kingdom and ours at the same time. Satan wants us to be our own gods, trying to find our own happiness.
- Joy is found when we are in the will of God. Joy is an attitude of the heart and a by product of obedience.

##### 3.3 Reaping more than what we have sown. Seed multiplies (Hosea 8:7)

- When we give, gifts will be given to us, a good measure and overflowing (Luke 6:38). It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

#### Conclusion:

Let us invest in God's Trust Fund by pleasing God. Evangelizing and sharing our blessings accrues profits to our account in heaven (Phil 4:16-17).

#### Reflection:

- What are you sowing? Are you sowing discord, division, malice or lies? Are you sowing the word of God by making His message known to your community?

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