



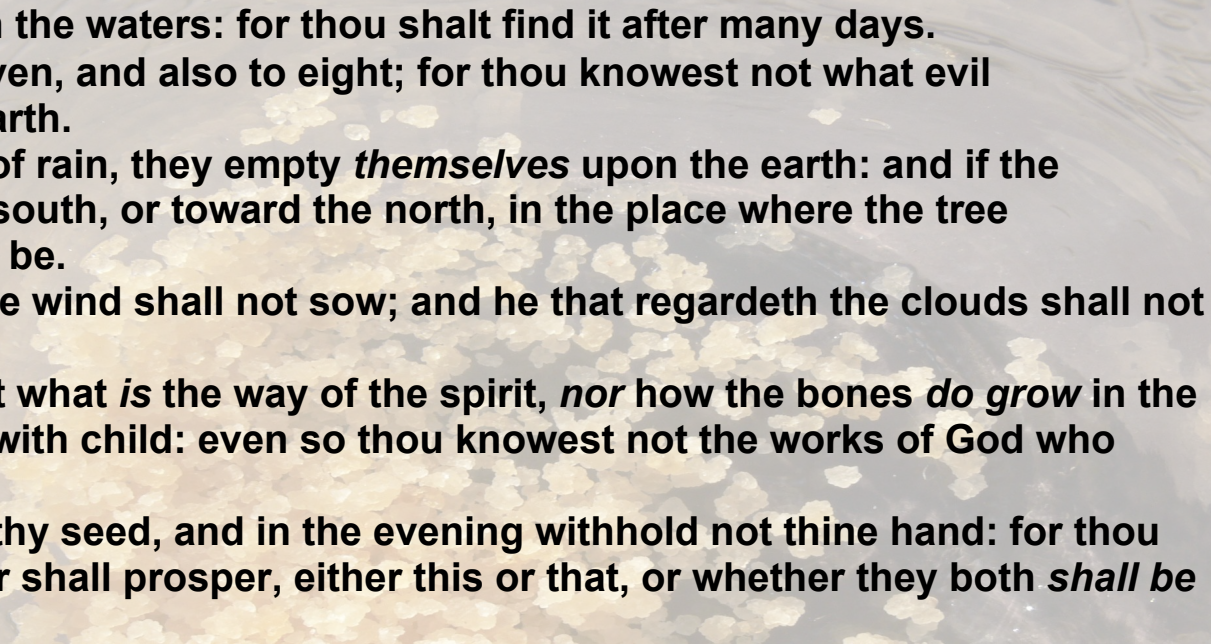
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**The Cycle of Blessing
No Deposit No Return
Eccl 11:1-6**

**Part
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Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (KJV)

- 1** Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
 - 2** Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
 - 3** If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.
 - 4** He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
 - 5** As thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
 - 6** In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.
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Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (NLT)

- 1 Send your grain across the seas, and in time, profits will flow back to you.**
- 2 But divide your investments among many places, for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.**
- 3 When clouds are heavy, the rains come down. Whether a tree falls north or south, it stays where it falls.**
- 4 Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.**
- 5 Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things.**
- 6 Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.**

R. U. T.

- R- *“Restricted”*
- U- *“Useless”*
- T- *“Trench”*

Symptoms of a RUT

- Lack of...
 - Movement
 - Interest
 - Victory



The Way Out of a RUT is to Get Into the CYCLE

Cycles

God is a God of Cycles

- Each Cycle is
 - Principle Driven
 - Life Accurate
 - Leak Proof
 - Impartial



If You Don't Send Anything Out... ...You Can't Expect Anything To Come In (1)

The Dare

Here is One of God's Cycles

- **Sowing and Reaping**

Galatians 6:7-9 (NASB77)

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary

Deals with the Act of Sowing

If You Don't Send Anything Out... ...You Can't Expect Anything To Come In (1)

⁶ *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those **who diligently seek Him.** Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)*

God Doesn't Reward...

- **Idleness**
- **Playing It Safe**

You Have to...

- **Step Out**
- **Cast Something**

God Allows You to Be Involved in the Process (Cycles) of Life

The Seven Laws of the Harvest

- We Reap Only What Has Been Sown
- We Reap the Same In Kind As We Sow
- We Reap in a Different Season than We Sow
- We Reap More Than We Sow
- We Reap In Proportion to What We Sow
- We Reap the Full Harvest Of the Good Only if We Persevere
- We Can't do Anything About Last Year's Harvest...
...But We Can About This Year's



Sow as much as possible (2)

•2 Corinthians 9:6 (AMP)

⁶ [Remember] this: he who **sows sparingly *and* grudgingly** will also **reap sparingly *and* grudgingly**, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously *and* with blessings.

•Deals with the Attitude of Sowing

•Luke 6:38 (AMP)

³⁸ Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good n down, shaken together, and running over, will the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and **For with the measure you deal out [with the when you confer benefits on others], it will b to you.**



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put in the soil –
the more one sows,
the greater the harvest.”**

~ Orison Swett Marden

Att #1- Three Dollars Worth of God

**I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please
Not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep,
but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk
or a snooze in the sunshine
I don't want enough of God to make me love a black man
or pick beets with a migrant
I want ecstasy, not transformation
I want warmth of the womb, not a new birth
I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack
I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please**

Att #2- John Wesley's Rule for Christian Living

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever... You can!



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Don't Wait for Perfect Circumstances to Invest (4)

Deals with the Action of Sowing

"Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest" (4) NLT

- **Investment Wisdom** -if you wait for everything to be perfect before you make a move or investment, you will never do anything.
- **Fair Weather Christianity Never Gets Anything Done**
 - Ever said... *one of these days, or somewhere down the road*
- **Fear/ Unbelief Still Keeps people from Entering into the Promises of God**
 - Some will spend their entire lives on the wrong side of Jordan.
 - I'd rather try and fail, than fail not trying
- **Are you Spending Time, Talent, Treasure or are you Investing it?**

Cycle of Blessing

Simple Principle...

Whatever your Lacking ...

...Let It Sow!

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Give

Simple Command- also look at Previous verses (27-37)

Principle Goes Like This...

If You Want To Change What You Are Getting...

...Change What You Are Giving

1st, the Command- "Give". It is in the present imperative mood.

- **This means that giving is Not Optional. It is Commanded.**

2nd, the Compensation- "It shall be given unto you..."

- **The Liberal Giver will be Compensated Liberally...**

...God Will See to That

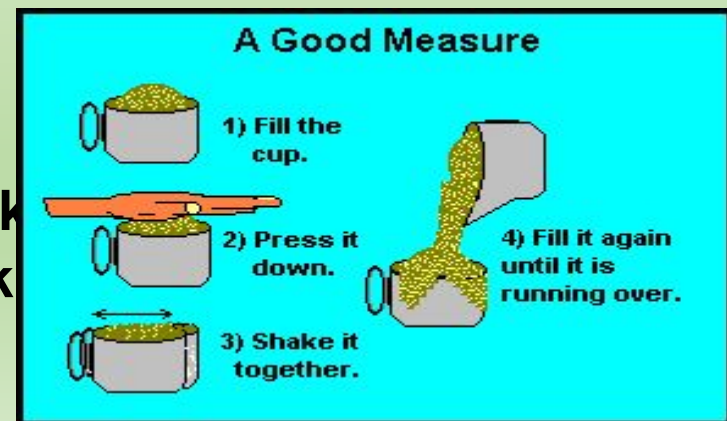
Fourfold Assurance

"good measure" "pressed down" "shaken together" "running over"

3rd, the Creed-*"With the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again"*

The Spiritual Law of Reciprocation

- **What You Give is What You Get Back**
- **How You Give is How It Comes Back**



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- **Galatians 6:7–10 (NLT)**

*⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. **You will always harvest what you plant.***

⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

*¹⁰ **Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.***

Cast Your Bread Upon the Water

**...it WILL come back to
You!!!**

