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2 Corinthians 9:8
(NKJV)

Greetings to you all, our partners and friends!

Hawaii Ministry Trip

The meetings went very well. We saw healings, miracles, baptisms in the Holy Spirit with the gift of tongues in manifestation, and relationships restored in the love of Jesus.

The believers were encouraged and built up in their faith by hearing from the Lord for themselves and for each other as they learned to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. There was great fellowshiping, laughter, and joy as we all enjoyed one another in the presence of the Lord. We are rejoicing in all that God is doing

to the glory of the Lord. The Hawaiian people are very gentle, kind, and loving relational people.

A few Hawaiian words we learned are *aloha*, which is “hello” and “goodbye”; *mahalo*, which is “thank you”; and *ohana*, which is “family.” If you become *ohana*, you have become as family.

Testimonies

- A young lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues.
- A man came for prayer, and his back was healed instantly. He began to do squats without pain and then began to jump up and down with no pain and a lot of excitement.
- A young lady was delivered from fear and depression. The light in her eyes and joy on her face were beautiful to behold.
- A gentleman came with stage-4 cancer and was prayed for. He went back to the doctor and received the report that nearly all the masses have shrunk. He said that what surprised him was that the doctor never really spoke with much optimism about things getting better. Praise God, it will get better and better and better!

Scotland and England

We are preparing to spend forty-seven days in April and May overseas in Scotland and England, ministering at conferences, churches, and Bible colleges. The tickets, car rental, hotels, and other related expenses so far total \$12,810. Presently, \$5,600 has come in, leaving a balance of \$7,210.

Colorado Ministry Office: Truck

At the writing of this letter, we have found a 2021 Toyota Tundra pickup truck that we are believing for

at a great value. Thank you for believing with us for the finances to pay it off completely, as this ministry has operated without incurring debt. We presently need \$26,344.64 toward the purchase of the truck. We are very grateful to all of you who have given and are blessing the seeds that you have sown.

To give toward the cost of the truck, you can donate through our website, by phone, or by mail:



To all our partners and friends, we are grateful to you, as together God's purpose and calling are being fulfilled. I believe that in the future, in heaven, we will see all the fruit of the lives that were spiritually changed, with so many testimonies of the Lord's goodness.

Giving and Receiving

One of the first principles of sowing and reaping is found in 2 Corinthians 9:6 – *“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully”* (NKJV).

One translation says it this way: *“[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”* (AMPC).

When you receive a revelation of giving within your heart, there is an excitement, a joy, in your giving.

In farming, it is common sense that the amount of seed and the size of the ground to be planted will determine the harvest.

In the harvest, there is fulfillment of the process of faith that the farmer went through in planting the seed

and in the time the seed grew before that farmer saw a bountiful harvest.

This type of consistent giving is referred to as sowing seeds, and because of the process of sowing and reaping, our faith is involved, showing a direct reflection of the beliefs within our hearts. A revelation of this kind of giving brings an increase in our giving and an increase in receiving as blessings manifest as a result of the harvest.

Even though I am talking about sowing and reaping, there are times when we experience miracles in finances. Early in Lisa's and my marriage, I heard the Lord speak to me to give away our only vehicle. Out of obedience, we agreed and came across the person to whom we were to give it—a pastor's wife who was believing God for a vehicle that was new but who only had a thousand dollars. Her friends told her that no one would sell her a new vehicle for a thousand dollars. Later, I realized that she could have had it for free but that she received it according to the way she was believing.

She paid us that thousand dollars, but we gave the money away, and for a month, we borrowed a vehicle. The day we were to give it back, God did a miracle. We received a beautiful, fully loaded car that our friends were in awe over.

When you, out of obedience, act on what the Lord has directly spoken to you, the receiving is more along the lines of a quicker manifestation, as opposed to the principle of sowing and reaping.

In the area of sowing and reaping, the next point is in 2 Corinthians 9:7 (AMPC) –

Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, “prompt to do it”) giver [whose heart is in his giving].

Acts 11:23 says that people were encouraged *“with purpose of heart to abide with the Lord”* (DARBY). The phrase “purpose of heart” has the meaning of something that is already within the heart.

A person who purposes in their heart is a person who is going through the process of making up their own mind. God loves and takes pleasure in a cheerful giver whose heart is in their giving. If your heart is motivated by fear and is not pure, then that heart issue needs to be resolved, or your giving will not benefit you correctly, since it is not being done out of love.

The first part of Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV) says, “*He who has a generous eye will be blessed.*” The word “eye” here speaks of the motive of a person’s heart. What we live out from our hearts determines who we really are, and that is why our heavenly Father relates to us from our hearts.

The third point is found in 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV) –

“God is able to make all grace abound toward you.”

The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition says, “*God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance.*”

Grace—every favor and earthly blessing—comes to us in abundance! This is what we are to consistently speak from believing hearts.

Zechariah 4:6-7 (NKJV)

“This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” Says the LORD of hosts.

“Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

Speak grace—God’s every favor and earthly and spiritual blessing.

In the fourth point, from 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV), we discover the purpose: “*That you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*”

Mark 12:41-44 (NKJV)

⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came

and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

This woman gave less in actual seed compared to each of the rich people in the amount they gave. But Jesus said that she gave more than all the others!

The scriptures follow Jesus and not the lives of the people, but I personally believe that this woman, having sowed into her future, did not remain in poverty.

You see, both principles are true: You can increase, as 2 Corinthians 9:6 says, by sowing bountifully. But during financially challenging times of life, your giving has a multiplication that far exceeds the size of the seed. It is God who will “*multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality*” (2 Cor. 9:10-11, NKJV). Man can have the tendency to look at their outward performance from their own human perspective and see so little, but God always looks inward to the heart of man and sees the greatness of how they are trusting God.

Jesus said that the widow gave MORE than ALL the others. I believe that when you see her in heaven, she will have a wonderful testimony of the faithfulness of God.

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God’s richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your hearts and have open hearts to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Happy Easter!

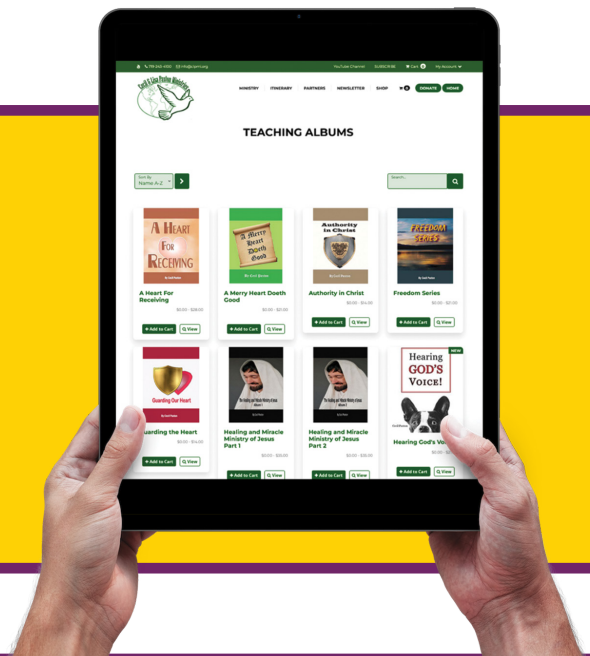
Love and blessings,

Cecil + Lisa

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Cecil & Lisa Paxton Ministry Meeting Schedule

Charis Christian Center

Saturday April 8th, 2023 8:00am

Men's Breakfast

10285 Federal Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Rivers of Restoration

in Arlington Heights IL

Wednesday May 31st, 2023 7:15pm

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