



Planted



“They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.”

ISAIAH 61:3 NIV



Where am I **SOWING** this season?

- **My Family.**
- **My Church.**
- **My Community.**





In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

ACTS 20:35 NIV



¹ Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done **through the churches** in Macedonia. ² They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.



2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-2 NLT

GIVE:

- Through the Church





³ For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own **free will**. ⁴ They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. ⁵ They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.



2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-5 NLT

GIVE:

- Through the Church
- Freely



“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.”



PROVERBS 11:24 NIV



8 I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. 9 **You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.



2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-9 NLT

GIVE:

- Through the Church
- Freely
- Responsively



“Freely you have received; freely give.”

MATTHEW 10:8 NIV



“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.



MATTHEW 23:23 NIV



¹¹ Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. ¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it **eagerly**. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. ¹³ Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for



2 CORINTHIANS 8:11-13 NLT

yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. ¹⁴ Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal.



2 CORINTHIANS 8:13-14 NLT

GIVE:

- Through the Church
- Freely
- Responsively
- Eager consistency





²⁰ We are traveling together to guard against any criticism for the way we are handling this generous gift. ²¹ We are careful to be **honorable** before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are honorable.



2 CORINTHIANS 8:20-21 NLT

GIVE:

- Through the Church
- Freely
- Responsively
- Eager consistency
- Honorably



Honoring God's Order:

- Give
- Save
- Bills
- Spend





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**."



2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 NLT

GIVE:

- Through the Church
- Freely
- Responsively
- Eager consistency
- Honorably
- 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-10 NLT



²¹ Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. ²² Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.” ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

LUKE 2



¹⁰ David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹ Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

1 CHRON. 29:10-12 NIV

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

