

## **Introduction**

The single most important decision you will ever make is to put Jesus Christ first — not second, not when it's convenient, but first in everything. When you honor God and give Him the glory first, He sets your path straight.

Proverbs 3:6 is still true today: "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." This isn't a nice suggestion. It's the foundation of a blessed life. Too many people treat God like a vending machine. They pray when they want something and then wonder why nothing changes. That's not how the Kingdom of God works. The Bible is clear: you reap what you sow.

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## **Sowing Seeds**

This is the Bridge to Blessings; Galatians 6:7-9 tells us plainly: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." Think of the farmer. He doesn't stand in an empty field praying for a great harvest while doing nothing. He works the soil, plants the seed, pulls the weeds, waters the ground, and then prays for God to bless the increase.

Faith without works is dead and so is work without Faith. Sowing seeds through obedience, generosity, and daily discipline is how we partner with God for the harvest. When you put Jesus first, it doesn't just improve your "spiritual life" — it makes you a better person in every relationship.

You become a better husband or wife, a better father or mother, a better brother or sister, a better friend, and a better neighbor. Generosity, kindness, integrity, and self-control start showing up naturally when the Holy Spirit is in charge.

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## **The Heart of Giving**

God Loves a Cheerful Giver and tithing is biblical. Ten percent of your income belongs to the Lord — that principle runs throughout Scripture. But I'm not here to lay down a legalistic rule. God doesn't need your money. He wants your heart.

2 Corinthians 9:7 says: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Cheerful is the key word. Tithing is the starting point, but there are many ways to sow seeds in His name:

- Helping a neighbor in need
- Donating to a ministry or charity that honors Jesus and helps people
- Giving an extra offering at church when the Spirit leads

- Supporting a missionary, pregnancy center, food pantry, or any cause that lifts up the name of Christ

The amount matters less than the heart behind it.

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### **You Were Never Meant to Walk Alone**

Showing up to church on Sunday and leaving is not enough. Get planted in a local church. Serve. Join a small group. Get involved. Surround yourself with believers who also put Jesus first.

Iron sharpens iron. Daily time in the Word is non-negotiable. Open your Bible every single morning (or set a specific time every day) before you open your phone or your email. Let God speak to you first. Let His truth set the tone for your entire day.

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### **Faith First Practical Checklist**

- Put Jesus first every morning (Daily) — open the Bible before anything else.
  - Pray and ask God to order your steps for the day.
  - Decide in your heart to be a cheerful giver. Start with the tithe (or whatever you can cheerfully give) and ask the Lord where else He wants you to sow.
  - Get actively involved in a local church — don't just attend, participate.
  - Sow seeds daily — in your home, your work, your community, and your finances.
  - Ask God to make you a better husband or wife, a better brother or sister, a better friend, and a better neighbor — starting today.
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### **Final Thought**

When you put faith first, you honor God, so sow generously. Stay planted in a church, and stay in the Word and everything else in your life begins to line up the way it was meant to. You become a better husband or wife. You become a better brother or sister, friend, and neighbor.

Your marriage gets stronger. Your parenting gets wiser. Your finances improve because fear and greed no longer drive your decisions. You start to see the American advantage for what it truly is: the freedom to live a life that actually glorifies the One who gave it to you. God is faithful. He sees every seed you sow. He honors the heart that honors Him first. Let's put faith first — today and every day.

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### How to Use This Resource

- Download and print
  - Go through the checklist with your spouse or family
  - Keep it on your desk or fridge as a daily reminder
  - Share it with someone who needs encouragement
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