

Expect Your

HARVEST

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UNDERSTANDING THE LAW OF THE HARVEST

Part 1

Latest Statistics on Christians Giving in The USA:

- 1 247 million Americans identify as Christian. Only 1.5 million **tithe**.
- 2 Only **5%** of people who go to church tithe.
- 3 Tithers are 40% less likely to **owe** significant debt.
- 4 If all Christians in America tithed there would be an additional \$165 **billion** in the work of the Lord each year.
- 5 People making \$20,000 a year are **8 times** more likely to tithe than people making \$75,000 a year.
- 6 1/3 of American Christians are buried in **debt**.
- 7 Religious giving in America has dropped **50%** since 1990.

Matthew 13:24-30 – Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

You Sow **BEFORE** You Reap

Luke 14:28 – “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”

You Reap **AFTER** You Sow!

Matthew 25:24-25 – “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’”

You Reap **MORE** Than You Sow!

Luke 6:38 – Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

2 Corinthians 9:6 – Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

You Reap **WHAT** You Sow

Galatians 6:9b – “A man reaps what he sows!”