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DEDICATION

We would like to dedicate this to our spiritual heroes, Dr Dave Williams and Harry & Cheryl Salem. You have taught us, inspired us, and elevated our spiritual vision. We can only repay you by helping others.

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The principles in this book are the most important legacy we can leave you.

Man, do we sure love you.

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Thank you so much for your interest in learning about ***Financial Success God's Wa y*** . We are so excited for the journey you are about to begin. As our way of saying "Thank You" -- and to welcome to our growing global community--we invite you to experience ***The Millionaire Challeng e*** !

Just click below to join the Group to get instant access to the information and encouragement you need to get the most out of this book:

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We are praying God's best for you,

John & Judy O'Leary

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FOREWORD BY DONNA PARTOW

I'm old enough to remember when the church first started asking, "Why should the devil have all the good music?" Out of that question grew the contemporary Christian music industry which eventually produced truly skilled musicians, song writers, artists and even psalmists.

But I'm afraid the church hasn't really addressed a far more important issue: Why should the devil have all the smart, successful people? Why should he control trillions of dollars in global resources?

He shouldn't.

It's time for the church to stop bemoaning the corrupting influence of money on our culture and take back what the devil stole. Once upon a time, Christians ran the very best hospitals and schools—even the Ivy League universities. But we walked away from vital industries like health care and education, to the detriment of society. What about manufacturing and technology? Or even finance and media?

Successful influence in any of these arenas takes money, savvy and street smarts.

Enter John and Judy O'Leary. This successful couple has a clear mandate from the Lord to raise up an army of believers positioned to seize the high ground and see a transfer of wealth away from the wicked. But they recognize that transfer requires something from us: not just faith, but intentional action in accordance with Biblical principles.

That's what this book is all about.

I cut my theological teeth in the Presbyterian church and have always been skeptical of what is sometimes called "name it and claim it" theology. This is not that.

Deeply grounded in the Word of God, the book features incredibly practical ideas about how any determined person, no matter how limited their current resources, can position themselves for favor with both God and man.

That second part is what most other teachers on this subject have missed. But the O'Leary's nail it on the pages of this inspiring book.

I, for one, am looking forward to implementing their strategies and feel

confident that I'll see results. I'm equally confident that you will, too.

Here's to that day when it's the world's turn to wonder, "Why does the Church have all the smart, successful people?"

Blessings,

Donna Partow

Million Copy Selling Author, ***Becoming the Woman God Wants Me to Be***

INTRODUCTION

START WHERE YOU ARE

"Begin at the beginning."

John:

Judy and I have been married for over 25 years, and much of the revelation in this book comes from her deep commitment to understanding God's ways, along with trying to elevate my understanding.

Through our early years together, I was the "doubting Thomas" that her revelation bumped up against.

As a business owner I was grounded in the natural, and when something needed to happen, it was through my efforts and my efforts alone. I believed in God, but I put none of His principles to work.

And when it came to giving, I had only one thought…If I give something away, that's one less thing for me. In other words, I saw giving as loss.

You can only imagine the conflicts when one is standing in the natural and the other is in the supernatural. But because of a praying wife and a grace-filled God, I began to understand what I was missing.

In the beginning, the principles in this book came slow and hard for me. But one by one, I started seeing results; results I could not explain, because they were God-results.

Today these principles have become second-nature to me.

How can I expect a harvest without planting seed? Now it all seems so simple, so brilliant, and so easy to follow God's way of success, and I have countless examples of the harvest these principles have produced in my life.

Now there are those of you that will approach these ideas with skepticism, with doubt, and with a fear of lack.

You are me, 20yrs ago. And the good news is, through those years I have been your "crash test dummy": I'm the guy who argued these things won't work. I'm the guy that wasted valuable years doing things my way.

And I'm the guy who was dead wrong.

Open your heart to the possibilities God has for you. That's my prayer.

Judy:

When I was 32, five years before I began following Jesus...it was as if I fell from the sky and landed in East Lansing, Michigan. This was after being homeless for three months. I was broken and broke, all alone in a new town, with no money, no job, and no education--and three young children (6, 8, and 9 years old). I got every student loan and grant available, enrolled at MSU and secured a 700-square foot apartment.

One Sunday, my daughter Amber said she wanted to go to church. When the offering time came, I emptied my purse upside-down and shook all the change out. I gave all I had into the basket. It was every penny I had. I didn't have a bank account, not even loose change in the couch cushions.

Four years later, almost to the day, I was a millionaire.

I'm here to tell you today, it doesn't matter how down-and-out you are. Your financial status, your education, your credit score--none of it can hold you back. Soon you can be enjoying a new level of living!

This book is about to blow the lid off of all lack and limitations in your life. Get ready, because as you follow these simple principles, your life will change. And the best part is, it won't take years and years to accomplish your dreams. It will be fast and furious!

You may be thinking, how can I make such bold claims? Because what I am about to show you is a *la w* . That means it works whether you believe it or not. Just like the Law of Gravity works even if you don't believe in gravity. Upward sowing is not a formula; it's a revelation.

When you learn this principle, you'll be able to apply it deliberately to get your desired results—what I like to call *your power harves t* ! It's what happens when you step into Financial Success God's Way. Next thing you know, you'll be walking out those Millionaire Secrets to Overflowing Abundance in your own life.

Don't despise your small beginnings, my friend; your ending will be great!

CHAPTER 1

THE LAW OF THE SEED

“Is your seed still in the barn?”

Have you ever known someone who is really good at confessing Scripture, and they’re always quoting verses? They seem so faith-filled, but they never seem to see a harvest or manifestation.

I’m here to tell you why…

Here is the answer: They aren’t seeing results from their faith-filled confessions because faith isn't God's currency! Seed is, and they haven't planted any seed!

Real faith requires action. They're standing over some soil speaking to it, but there's nothing planted in it. There is nothing for the Word to water. They are watering empty soil, because they don’t understand how the system works: Nothing happens without a seed.

Can you imagine a farmer who hasn’t planted seed standing in his field wondering, “Where is the harvest?” In the natural, we understand that without sowing there won’t be any harvest. But what we don’t understand is that the same principle applies to the kingdom of God.

> “Listen to Me; listen, and pay close attention.
>
> Does a farmer always plow and never sow?
>
> Is he forever cultivating the soil and never planting seed?”
>
> Isaiah 28:23-24

Everything has to come from a seed--even weeds need a seed to grow. Since seed can only reproduce itself, we will only reap what we sow. God promised we will reap!

Remember, the law of the seed is permanent; it's not going away as long as the earth remains, so it's a good law to master.

Here are three verses that uphold the law of the seed:

> "The Seeds will produce the kinds of plants and
>
> trees from which they came."
>
> Genesis 1:11

> "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;

for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

Galatians 6:7

"As long as the earth remains,

The law of seed time and harvest will never cease."

Genesis 8:22

These three verses together explain why many are not getting their prayers answered:

1. A seed can only reproduce itself. (A lot of people mess up here; they sow one thing and expect to reap another).
2. You *will* reap what you sow,
3. This law is here to stay.

The Law of the Seed works like any other law God set into motion, and whether you believe in it or not, it's always working. It works for the sinner and it works for the saint. No one--not even *God* --is exempt. It's a law.

God loves you.

God hears your faith-filled confessions.

God also hears your cries.

God wants to help you; there is nothing He desires more.

Here’s the stopper: God has elevated His word above His name, and if He were to give you the harvest you desire without first the seed, and then the time, He would be violating His own word!

"For You have magnified Your word above all Your name."

Psalm 138:2

Am I saying that even God isn't exempt from the Law of the Seed!? Yes. Even God has chosen to obey His own laws. His hands are tied...and only we can untie them, with our seed.

Financial deliverance isn’t in faith-filled confessions; it’s in the seed, right where God put it. It's not in our prayers and tears: God heard us! But we didn't hear Him. It's time to stop talking to God about our needs, and let our seed do the talking. God hears the seed. Money talks!

I ran into Meredith the other day, and she was telling me about her money

troubles. I hadn't seen her since last year, when she was experiencing a completely different set of money troubles. As I was listening, I got a strong word from the Holy Spirit. I said to her, "Meredith, unless you learn how to give, you will live this way the rest of your life!"

Then I asked her who struggled with giving, her or her husband? She said it was her, and proceeded to tell me all the reasons why she can't give.

I asked her if she was willing to pray for seed, because God promises seed to the sower. I instructed her and her husband to pray for seed, and explained that when God gives them seed, they must be obedient to sow it. She agreed to pray together before bed that night.

The NEXT day, her husband found 173 dollars! She couldn't wait to tell me, and that they were excited and laughing and couldn't wait to sow it. In *one* day, Meredith went from giving grudgingly to being a cheerful giver.

Two days after that, I was scrolling through Facebook when I saw their picture holding a huge basket filled with expensive prizes. They had won a monthly customer contest that they didn't even know about! God was sending encouragement to them, rewarding their obedience.

> "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."
>
> 2 Corinthians 9:7

When the Bible says, in Galatians 6:7, God is not mocked; you will reap what you sow, that is cause for rejoicing. As children of the Most-High God, we are given a promise that we will see a harvest for our sowing. The law of seed, time, and harvest has the consequences built right into it, and getting a harvest is a consequence.

When we hear the word ‘consequence’, our mind automatically goes to a bad end. But it's a promise for us! God promises us that our good deeds and giving will not be in vain.

But not so for the wicked: For them, it's a threat. They too, will get a harvest--of sorrow for the evil they sow. It works every time, whether you believe it or not, because it's a law. The law doesn’t change; the only variables are the sower, the seed, the soil, and the harvest.

Job 8:7 says, "Though your beginning be small (seed), yet shall your latter end be great (harvest)". God won't be mocked. It doesn’t matter where your starting point is; just begin to sow.

There are four components to giving: The Sower, The Seed, The Soil, and the Harvest:

1. The Sower

There is a big difference between merely sowing and *The Sower* : The sower *looks* for soil. Our goal is to become sowers.

The sower is always on the lookout for ways to go higher in life. The sower understands farming principles and knows that they must be acted on to be activated. The sower knows the difference between shallow, thorny, untested ground and *fertile* soil. The sower knows that only fertile soil will produce a harvest. And, the sower is a purposeful, hilarious giver.

There’s a great example of someone who is a purposeful sower, who really understood upward giving, in 1Kings 10:1-13. It’s the story of when the Queen of Sheba went to visit King Solomon.

> “When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon’s fame, which brought honor to the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions.”
>
> (v. 1)

The queen *heard* the soil was good, but she was going to sow big and wanted *to make sure* the ground was fertile. She still tested it first.

Never sow in untested soil. When we walk in our financial anointing with wisdom, God is also honored.

> “ She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of attendants and a great caravan of camels loaded with spices, large quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, she talked with him about everything she had on her mind.
>
> Solomon had answers for all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her.
>
> When the queen of Sheba realized how very wise Solomon was, and when she saw the palace he had built, she was overwhelmed.”

(v. 2-4)

She was breathless when she saw for herself--she fainted!”

> “She was also amazed at the food on his tables, the organization of his officials and their splendid clothing, the cup-bearers, and the burnt offerings Solomon made at the Temple of the Lord.
>
> She exclaimed to the king, ‘Everything I heard in my country about your achievements and wisdom is true!
>
> I didn’t believe what was said until I arrived here and saw it with my own eyes.
>
> In fact, I had not heard the half of it! Your wisdom and prosperity are far beyond what I was told.
>
> How happy your people must be! What a privilege for your officials to stand here day after day, listening to your wisdom!
>
> Praise the Lord your God, who delights in you and has placed you on the throne of Israel.’”

(v. 5-9)

God got the glory for Solomon’s wealth. He will get the glory for your wealth, too.

> “Because of the Lord’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king so you can rule with justice and righteousness.”

(v. 9)

The next verse says:

> “ *THEN she gave* the king a gift of 9,000 pounds of gold, great quantities of spices, and precious jewels. Never again were so many spices brought in as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.”

(v. 10)

> “ King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba whatever she asked for, besides all the customary gifts he had so generously given. Then she and all her attendants returned to their own land.”

1Kings 10:1-10, 13

What an outcome! Did Solomon need anything from the queen? No! He

permitted the queen to sow towards him for *her sake* , not his. He didn't need it. Solomon was her miracle soil.

Paul understood this principle. Look what he told the Philippians:

> "Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account."
>
> Philippians 4:17

It's fun learning to think like a sower; being alert to the soil by being sensitive to the people God brings across your path. I believe that by the end of this book, you will become a purposeful, discerning sower. You are already on your way!

2. The Seed

Everything is a seed! Time, money, goods, thoughts, actions…everything is a seed.

When faced with a need, look for a seed. Then look for good ground to plant into and expect a harvest.

Everyone has something to sow.

The loose change that I put in the offering set in motion a whole cascade of events that created a new future for me. It's important not to get overwhelmed, thinking you have to give more than you have. Just start where you are with what is in your hand.

The following two verses are companion Scriptures that teach a very important aspect of the seed, and that is: Some is for sowing and some is for eating.

> "Then God said, 'Look! I have given you every *seed-bearing plant* throughout the earth and all the *fruit trees for your food .*'"
>
> Genesis 1:29

> "Now he who supplies *seed to the sower* and *bread for food* will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."
>
> 2 Corinthians 9:10

Don't eat the seed ! If you eat the seed, I promise you that's all it will ever be. You will have consumed your own future. If you've ever eaten the seed,

raise your hand; now slap yourself with it!

Your seed is *the key* to your future, but it cannot produce until you release it. The seed by itself does not have the ability to reproduce, meaning it must be put into good ground.

You can't *increase* what you have until you *release* what you have. The seed must fall to the ground and die. This means you release your control over what happens with it. You can't keep digging it up to see what's happening.

A friend from another town called me after she went to her church. She said, "They were talking about you at church today!" We both got excited, because I don't even know anyone there. My friend said a lady stood up to give this testimony:

She read a book by John and Judy O'Leary called ***Upward*** . And she learned so much from it she wanted to sow into them. But she didn't know them so she sent a check addressed to John's company as an upward seed. She kept checking her bank account to see if it had been cashed. Two months went by before John cashed it. The day it cleared the bank, she got her harvest!

Nothing happened until that seed went into the ground and died.

> "For sure, I tell you, unless a seed falls into the ground and dies, it will only be a seed. If it dies, it will give much grain."
>
> John 12:24

The promise: It will bring forth much fruit. The whole purpose of a seed is *to bring a harvest back to the sower* , not to bless the soil. In other words, it truly is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)

> "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."
>
> Proverbs 11:25

You can put extraordinary confidence in the seed. It has an innate strong desire to return back to the one who gave it life--as a harvest. It will even break through a concrete sidewalk to get back to you.

Your seed understands its assignment; it is *never* double-minded.

You can rest easy when you are a sower, knowing your breakthrough will

come. The seed will begin breaking things apart, opening new opportunities that weren't there before. *You can actually determine what you want in your life tomorrow by the seeds you decide to sow today.* How cool is that?

Your future will start opening up to you right before your eyes, because when you sow, you are sending the seed out ahead of you. It begins doing its work in your future, and then you walk right into it! This is how your seed decides your future. I'm going to make a bold statement: Without a seed, you don't have a future! If all the seed on earth were to dry up, the earth would die.

Jesus is the Incorruptible Seed, *and* He's also the Lord of the Harvest. If Jesus is alive in you, sowing and reaping is in your DNA. Jump for joy!

Have you figured out yet who determines your future?

YOU do, with your seed. The law of sowing and reaping *guarantees* it.

3. The Soil

The soil represents the person or thing we give to. The soil is just as crucial as the seed, because the soil is not neutral. The soil is what nourishes the seed—if it's not in the soil, then don't expect it to be in the harvest.

The seed and the harvest both need the soil, because the soil is what brings the seed and the harvest together. The soil is the middleman.

It's important and powerful to give to someone who has what you want: Whatever you plant into is what will grow in your life. There is soil all around you: Your job is to find the fertile soil.

JOHN: My business mentor was president of a large paint company. He sits on several Boards and is considered a true leader in the industry. He has successfully traveled the road I desire, and fruit of his work is proven.

This is fertile soil!

I didn't know him personally when I started upward sowing into his anointing, but through the law of the seed we have gained great favor with him, and our hearts have connected. Our relationship has grown close. I have access to his wisdom, his connections, and opportunities I wouldn't have otherwise been privy to.

This soil has changed my life.

Mark 4 (and Matthew 13) are called The Parable of the Sower. This Parable describes the different types of soil and what they will produce. Take note that *only* the fertile soil yielded a harvest. This parable insists that we must diligently search for fertile soil. The soil matters!

> “Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed.
>
> As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it.
>
> Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow.
>
> But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn’t have deep roots, it died.
>
> Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain.
>
> Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”
>
> Then he said, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”
> Then Jesus said to them, “If you can’t understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables?”
>
> Mark 4:3-9, 13

Notice the last verse here; Jesus said if you can’t understand the seed principle, you won’t understand anything else about Kingdom operations. He is telling us that the entire Kingdom of God is based on the Law of the Seed. I believe this lack of understanding is why things are so easily taken from Christians.

Check out verse 9; Jesus was saying, “Make sure you know this! It’s going to be on the test.”

> “To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”
>
> Matthew 13:12

One more thing about the soil: when you become an experienced sower, you will get the attention of others who are novice sowers. People will see the results of sowing in your life, and they will sow into you. *You will become their soil.*

This happened in our lives, and I've seen it happen in those we mentor. I am confident it will happen for you as well. You will actually become a financial deliverer as the Lord promotes you to the next level. Finding proven soil is a blessing. Don't you agree?

This seed thing…I think we are onto something BIG!

4. The Harvest

Here is an amazing fact: *The harvest belongs to you when you sow* .

It's yours right then. Your seed reaches into your future and blesses it. Then you walk right into it.

Sowing is a covenant connector, and knowing that your seed connects you to what you give into puts you at a huge advantage. You can give deliberately and with purpose to reap a harvest of what you would like to bring to pass in your own life. Jackpot!

When God specifically asks you to give a seed, rejoice! God does this because He *already* has your harvest in mind.

God will never be in debt to a sower. (Gal. 6:7 and 6:9) This ensures your harvest will *always* be bigger than your seed. You can't out-give God.

When I was a baby Christian (I love baby Christians!), my kids were running wild, my husband wasn't born again yet, and chaos was still swirling all around me.

I was giving and giving (60% of my income), trying to pick up the slack from all the heathen in my family. I kept this up for 3 years, and not a thing changed.

As I was reading the Bible one day, I read about how you can't out-give God, and I realized something...I got really excited and I thought to myself, "They said it couldn't be done, but I did it! I have out-given God!"

Immediately I heard the voice of God interrupt my thoughts. He said, "So, you've out-given ME…what are you going to do now?"

I was surprised to be hearing from God--I wasn't even praying! I said, "What?" He replied, "...Are you going to stop giving?" I emphatically answered, "NO!" He asked, in a whisper, "Why not?" Without hesitation, I answered, "**Because, I love You** ."

Right then, for a fraction of a second, heaven opened up to me and I saw everyone there rejoicing. I was filled with unspeakable joy, and I jumped up off my chair and started dancing around the room.

About an hour later, I was driving and God spoke to me again. He told me that what happened in my kitchen was a defining moment in my life. He said, "From this moment on, you will be blessed!" And I have been.

The Bible says, in John 3:16, that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

That's what love does: Love gives.

When we give, we are the most like God in that moment. Giving is one of God's characteristics. John 10:10 says the thief comes to steal (the devil is a taker) kill, and destroy**,** but Jesus came to give us abundant life.

There is something about a giver that really touches God's heart in a way that nothing else can—not prayer or praise, because giving is worship.

> "Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! *Bring your offering* and come into his presence. *Worship* the Lord in all his holy splendor."
>
> 1 Chronicles 16:29

You can sing until you are blue in the face, and it might move God's heart, but it will not move God's hand. God promises over and over that He will respond to your giving. Here's one of the many promises:

> "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom."
>
> Luke 6:38

The measure we use to sow determines *how much* we receive, and the soil we sow into determines *what* we receive.

When we give our best, we get God's best. I want God's best; how about you? Let me share a quick story with you:

My daughter Amber called me crying: Her doctor told her she couldn't get

pregnant, and said to get used to the idea of adoption. I told her all things are possible, and promised to pray for her.

Right away I got my answer *in the form of an instruction* : Sow into other pregnant women to reap a baby for your daughter.

Faith ignited me! I went to the store and bought many little baby outfits. So many. After that, every time I saw a pregnant woman, I would bless her with a generous baby gift, even if I barely knew her.

Not long after, we were visiting Amber in Oregon. She took a pregnancy test. It was positive! In the last 10 years we have been blessed with seven grandchildren. Upward giving works.

This one story illustrates…

1. The Sower. I looked for fertile soil.
2. The Seed. I used baby gifts as my seed.
3. The Soil. Pregnant women were my fertile soil.
4. The Harvest. We got our grandchild, and then 6 more in 8 years!

I know you’re excited about what you are learning, but not as excited as I am for you!

CHAPTER 2

INVEST WHERE YOU WANT TO GO

“The key to your supernatural harvest.”

Now it’s time for the exciting part, the fun part!

It’s time for the hidden secret in the Bible that no one teaches. This secret can quickly elevate your life. And it’s so simple: Plant a seed into someone who carries what you want to bring to pass in your life. Giving is a great connector, and when we give to an anointed person, God brings that same anointing to us. It’s simple and profound at the same time: Sow-up to go up!

And even though it’s only mentioned by name one time, as ‘the prophet’s reward,’ examples of upward sowing are all through the Bible. Once I saw it as a principle, I saw it everywhere.

Most people never discover this hidden principle. But the ones who do? They experience a life that others only dream of.

To help you understand, here is a powerful example of upward sowing from my life. At this point I had never heard of upward sowing. It was long before I even knew Jesus:

I went on a field trip with my Exercise Physiology class to a new health club. A man named Chris Johnson hosted the tour. He was impressive in his knowledge and the club was state-of-the-art. I couldn't stop thinking about how to get my foot in the door. The next day I called Chris and asked for a job. He said since they’re a new club, they had no budget to pay anyone else. Without thinking, I blurted out, "You don't have to pay me! I'll work for free, and I'll do any job you give me." He replied, "You will!? Can you start Monday?"

Here I was, living by the skin of my teeth, and I just offered to work for free. I made 750 dollars that year, and I had three children to feed. In the natural, it made no sense!

I worked a few weeks, paying a sitter while I worked for free. They quickly found a way to put me on the payroll.

I was exposed to Chris’ world. Working under him, I got a chance to hear everything he said. When it came time for him to hire a personal trainer, I was the ready candidate. What an amazing and speedy harvest; within 6

months I went from working for free to making 35 dollars an hour. I didn't even have my degree yet!

I was also exposed to his connections: One day Chris asked if I was seeing anyone; he said one of his friends was interested in me. I said, "Is it John? Tell him I'll go out with him!" I married John a couple years later. Another harvest!

Occasionally, Chris wasn't available to give a talk in the community, so I went in his place. I ultimately got a job at another health cub with the same title as Chris: Director of Personal Training. I reaped exactly what I sowed.

Out of that one act of upward sowing emerged my career…and my husband!

Even my salvation was indirectly involved: One of my clients told me I needed to "get me some Jesus" and she took me to church, where Pastor Dave Williams led me to salvation. Then, when we matured in Christ, Pastor Dave asked my husband and I to begin speaking on the Miracle Results of Upward Sowing, and our ministry was born.

Can you see how the one seed of working for free completely changed every aspect of my life? It's that powerful.

What is upward sowing?

In the book of Matthew, Jesus refers to upward giving as the "Prophet's Reward."

> " If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given *the same reward* as a prophet."
>
> Matthew 10:41a

The same reward! Whatever you sow into, that's what your reward will be. Sow into the prophet: Receive the prophet's reward. It's simple!

The Message Translation interprets verse 41 like this:

"The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice."

An apprentice is a person who is learning a trade. When we plant seed into the life of someone who has something we want, we are learning to have it, too!

Upward sowing is an honor seed that honors God's anointing: Your giving shows your respect for someone's anointing. The harvest of the honor seed

is anointing, promotion, and unprecedented FAVOR. God loves honor.

> “Them that honor Me I will honor.”
>
> 1 Samuel 2:30 *and* Acts 7:35

The terms ‘honor seed’, ‘upward sowing’, and ‘upward giving’ are interchangeable. Simply put, you “sow-up to go up.” It's the master key to favor, and the key to open doors. The word HONOR in Hebrew literally means "open the door."

The honor seed is the closest thing to going to the throne room and handing your offering right to God.

Of the ten commandments, only one comes with a promise attached, and that commandment is about honor:

> “Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”
>
> Exodus 20:12

If you are a novice sower and want to take the guesswork out of choosing fertile soil for giving, give to your man of God.

According to the Bible, the most fertile, miracle soil for upward sowing is our very own man of God. Numbers 18:12 explains that the first and best of our intake is reserved for the man of God. God loves us so much; He put our very best soil right under our nose. He wants to make it easy for us to prosper, and He wants us to succeed and be blessed.

When I started upward sowing with purpose, my pastor got my first and best, every month.

> “Those who are taught the Word of God should help their teachers by paying them.”
>
> Galatians 6:7

When we sow personally, the anointing and favor comes on us, and our seed connects to the anointing on that person's life to our life (the seed does all the heavy lifting). Those same abilities will begin to flow in us.

Upward sowing always includes giving in God's kingdom, because honor is always demonstrated with a gift (or it's merely respect).

NEVER give your man of God an empty card telling him how much you love him.

When we give to the needy, we give in secret *for* God.

It's a loan to the Lord, and He repays us. When we give upward, we give publicly *to* God. This is the time to give our best.

I learned about upward giving straight from the Lord, in my prayer time. No one really preaches on it. Can you imagine a pastor standing up to say, “If you want to prosper fast, give your money to me!” You’ll never hear that--even though it’s true.

While I was praying about how to go to another level of living, God instructed me to start giving a percentage of my income to Pastor Dave and Mary Jo *personally* every month. God asked me to specify that it was a personal gift-- not for the ministry.

I began to give them a card every month with money in it, and I never asked for anything – not even a thank you note, and I thanked them for receiving my seed.

Whenever I express a desire to God, I’m always ready to hear an instruction, because often God answers me that way. That’s why I was quick to obey, knowing that this type of giving was the answer to my desire to go to another level in God’s goodness.

Our man of God, Dr. Dave Williams, is our miracle soil. He has written 66 books and is a deliverer of financial blessings to many. Two of his books are on wealth, *The Wealthy Place* , and *Radical Riches*, and are full of revelation and power.

Since John and I started giving directly to him and his beautiful, godly wife, we have connected to the anointing on their lives in a very unique way: The same anointing of being a financial deliverer has come upon us as well!

We have become soil for others to sow into.

Dave is an accomplished author; now we’ve begun writing books. Dave is an experienced and skillful speaker; now we have begun speaking as well. These are just a few of the areas that have come upon us—neither John nor I had either of those skills until their anointing fell on us through the miracle of upward sowing. The blessing has overtaken our lives, and we have leveled up in a way that would’ve taken decades to do on our own.

Upward giving put us on a fast track to success. It will work for you, too!

There is yet another reason to give personally to your man of God: Your

man of God has the authorization to remove the curse from your household when you give personally to him. It's the ultimate upward sowing, and here it's called First Fruit Giving. Check out this verse:

> "The first of the ripe fruits and all the gifts brought to the Lord will go to the priests. The first samples of each grain harvest and the first of your flour must also be given to the priests *so the Lord will bless your homes* ."

Ezekiel 44:30

This is a specific type of upward sowing that involves giving the first of your harvest to your man of God. For instance, if you received royalties for a book, your first check would go to the man of God. The Bible explains by doing this, you make the root holy and then all the fruit that follows will be holy as well. John and I never wait for our first harvest; we give to our man of God every month.

I want a continual harvest, so I sow every month. I pray about how much to give, and I pray over my offering and name my seed. Then I put it in a card to my pastor and his wife, and I tell them I honor them, and I desire a connection to the anointing upon their life. I thank them for receiving my gift.

After upward giving without understanding the principle behind it for a few years, I heard a preacher say that not every gift is for the ministry. He explained the power of giving *personally* to someone who has more than us.

Remember what Mary did with her Alabaster box?

> "A woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over Jesus' head.
>
> Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked.
>
> "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly.
>
> But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?

> You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me.
>
> She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time.
>
> I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."
>
> Matthew 26:7

Mary gave *personally* to Jesus expensive perfume for His feet, to prepare Him for His burial and the moment He would go down in history. Right away Satan said, "that money should have been used for the poor (given to the ministry, *not* to the man.) And Jesus said, "Leave her alone! She's going down in history!"

Not every gift is for the ministry! This was a revelation for me.

Mary gave directly to the man of God, and it was done publicly, not in secret. She helped Him go down in history, so she went down in history. That was two thousand years ago, and we still talk about Mary by name. Her giving connected her to the King of kings.

This is how upward sowing works: When using battery cables to connect two batteries together, the power flows from the good battery to kick-start the dead battery. The trick is to hook up to the battery that's connected to the power you want, keeping in mind that the battery itself is *not* the source of the power; the car engine is.

Likewise, when you give upward to a man, the man isn't the source of power; the anointing is. Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

Any person who is walking in something you admire is a candidate for upward giving: John and I aren't in the ministry--we are ordinary people like you--and we were mentoring a young couple. They were 21 at the time, Kerry was working for a cell phone company, and his fiancé was still a college student.

They were extremely teachable. They embraced the revelation of the seed and started sowing into our lives, by sowing acts of service: mowing our lawn, driving us to the airport, helping me prepare for parties, and other things that blessed us much more than cash. They became very valuable to us.

Remember in Chapter 2, when we talked about the law of the seed? They sowed, and they reaped. Here's only part of the good things that happened:

When Lisa graduated, we asked a friend of ours to interview her. Never before had they hired anyone with less than 5 years' experience, but agreed to let her interview as a favor to us.

John advised her on interviewing skills; we even dressed her, and they were so impressed with her that they broke their own 5-year rule and she was hired. At her first evaluation she was given the largest percentage of a raise in the company's history.

Meanwhile, Kerry started learning real estate through another friend of ours. He also began working with the same company as Laura. Now they are 30, and are very close to one million dollars in assets.

Their giving opened doors for them that couldn't open any other way. They gained access to all our connections, and connections can provide opportunities.

The book of Mark has a good story about giving. It's the widow's offering:

> "Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.
>
> Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.
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> Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.
>
> For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."
>
> Mark 12:41-44

First, notice that Jesus wasn't sitting by the choir so He could see who loved God the most with their worship songs. He was interested in their giving, because where your treasure is, there also is your heart. And God is intensely interested in our hearts.

Even though Jesus commended the widow, I would have given that offering so differently: What a divine opportunity for upward giving! The *Son of God* was sitting right there next to the offering bucket: What if that

nameless widow would've fallen at His feet like Mary did, and given it to Jesus instead of the offering bucket?

I bet we'd know her name!

She had a choice: God, or a bucket...He was sitting right there! Unfortunately, she chose THE BUCKET! Epic fail.

God said:

> "No one is to come to me empty-handed."
>
> (Exodus 23:15, & Deuteronomy 16:16)

By putting their offerings in the bucket rather than giving them to God, the people showed their hearts: *They weren't really coming to God; they were just coming to church.* Ouch.

Can you think of any other examples from the Bible of upward sowing? There are so many! By the time you are through reading this book, your eyes will be opened to this truth, and you will see upward sowing everywhere.

Our first book, *Upward* , goes into more detail on each story, but I'll give you some hints of upward givers in the Bible: Rahab, Abraham, Elisha, the woman from Shunem, David, Abigail, Ruth, the Samaritan woman, Peter, and Paul, to name a few, have used this principle to go to another level of living. They all rose to new heights almost immediately.

I have never seen even one instance of upward sowing failing. Because it's a law.

Paul's disciples gave him money in prison, so Paul said:

> "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."
>
> Philippians 4:19

Now that I've shown you just a few of the many examples from the Bible, are you ready to put God to the test and try upward sowing? Maybe you already have…

Here is a testimony from a young man named Brian who caught this revelation:

Brian mentioned he was bored with church lately, and felt his life had

stalled. While we talked it through, he realized it was time to shift from *taking* to *giving* . We talked about his upward giving, and he admitted he hadn't done any upward giving since the prior fall.

He admitted slipping into a "me attitude" and purposed in his heart to pursue living for others--blessed to be a blessing. He decided to mow his pastor's lawn, because that was something Brian did for him the previous summer.

Brian's job was in sales and he hadn't landed an account in nearly a year. Just ***ONE*** day after honoring the pastor by mowing his lawn, Brian landed his very first new business account. That's a quick harvest! It all began with ***UPWARD GIVING*** .

It worked for Brian, and it will work for you, too! Get ready to soar!

Upward Sowing is:

- Giving of your resources to someone who has more than you; someone who is walking in something you desire.
- It is connecting to the anointing on that person's life through the seed rather than connecting to the *person* .
- Upward Sowing is a specific connection to an anointing; you might admire the person's business acumen, but they are in a miserable marriage. You don't want to connect to the unhealed things, so be specific with God when you tell Him what you expect.
- Upward giving is an honor seed.
- Sowing upward is done publicly, never anonymously. You want the person to know that you honor them and respect what they carry. Be bold and tell them what you admire about them.
- God gives the reward, not the person you sow into. Every good and perfect gift comes from above.
- Giving is a connector: It is the *soil* that connects the seed to the harvest. The seed and the harvest both need the soil. The soil is the person you sow into.

Upward Sowing is Not:

CHAPTER 3

TITHE

“Established in the covenant.”

The Bible is full of secrets to success that are only spiritually understood, things the world can't comprehend. But we can! And one of the secrets is tithing. Tithing isn't for God; it's for us: Tithing is to protect us from the devourer.

Tithing can be scary at first, that's why God gave us faith for obedience. We can tithe by faith until the demonstration of gain comes to bring revelation. Once the revelation comes that giving is gain, you will never turn back.

What is tithing? It’s simple: You give God one dime out of every dollar you earn. Tithe means tenth. If you make $100.00, the tithe would be $10.00.

> “Will a man rob God?
> Yet you have robbed Me!
> But you say,
> ‘In what way have we robbed You?’
> In tithes and offerings.
> You are cursed with a curse,
> For you have robbed Me,
> *Even* this whole nation.
> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
> That there may be food in My house,
> And try Me now in this,”
> Says the Lord of hosts,
> “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
> And pour out for you *such* blessing
> That *there will* not *be room* enough *to receive it.*
> “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
> So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
> Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,”

Says the Lord of hosts;

“And all nations will call you blessed,

For you will be a delightful land,”

Says the Lord of hosts.”

Malachi 3:8-12

Some may argue that the tithe is Old Testament Law, and we are under grace now, but the tithe was actually instituted 400 years before the law ratified it.

Tithing was never about the law; tithing has always been a heart matter.

Having said that, I agree there is no law that requires you to tithe, just as there is no law requiring you to be born again, or get married. However, all of these things have a common thread: Covenant.

When we enter into a covenant with God, we get His strength and He gets our weaknesses. It’s an amazing deal!

Who wouldn’t want to enter into a covenant with the One who says, “All the silver and all the gold is Mine”? He’s the One who has only your good in mind, every hour of every day. He’s the biggest One in the valley. It’s a no-brainer. It is not a legal requirement, but it does seem like an obvious choice.

We are all born into a fallen world. Before we are born again, our very soul is marked for destruction, and there is no law given to protect us from our own sins. But there *is* a covenant: Salvation. We have to *choose* the covenant Jesus cut for us in order to be saved from eternal destruction. Salvation is a partnership, and it has to be our heart’s choice.

Another covenant we can choose is marriage.

And like salvation and marriage, tithing is also a covenant. It is choosing to partner with God in our finances.

The word tithe means tenth; but it also means "*marked for destruction"*.

I was looking at Malachi 3:8, the verse that says “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me!” Suddenly I got an image of a bank robber making off with his bag of money. He said to himself, "It's all mine!" He thought he was so clever. But there was something he didn't know; there was a blue dye bomb in that bag, and that money was *marked for destruction* .

When we don't tithe, our money has a blue dye bomb in it too! *It's marked for destruction* , and God wants to de-activate that bomb. But He will not touch our money without our permission--even if it's to help us. He will not —He will not interfere without the covenant agreement of tithing in place.

My little grand-daughter got ahold of a box-cutter the other day. The blade was retracted, but that box-cutter could hurt her. I acted like I was really interested, and I said, "OOOOOOOHH! I want that; can I have it?"

Did I need it? No! I took it for *her* sake.

Tithing isn't for God. He doesn't use the tithe to raise money; God uses the tithe to raise *children* .

When we tithe, we are giving away our selfishness and killing greed. We are growing up, and we are also confirming the covenant we have with God, where He promises to rebuke the devourer and open the windows of heaven over us.

When you give to God, it's very honoring to Him. God respects honor. Honor is rewarded. When you trust God with the 10%, He will trust you back, and you will increase.

If you are struggling with this, I can sympathize. I remember when I first started tithing. If I went to church that Sunday, I would tithe, but if I missed church I wouldn't. I likened tithing to going out to dinner; if you don't eat, then you don't pay. Then I came across this verse in the Bible:

> "If you want to buy back the Lord's tenth of the grain or fruit, you must pay its value, plus 20 percent."
>
> Leviticus 27:31

Something clicked in my spirit when I read this verse. I went back through my checkbook and found every missed week of tithing, then I wrote a check for those missed weeks, PLUS 20%. That one stung. I purposed in my heart never to let that happen again. I've been a tither ever since.

When Jesus was whipped, beaten, spit on, and nailed to a cross (for sins *we* committed), the love He had for *you* was strong enough to pull Him through the worst execution in history. The Bible said that He endured the cross because you were the joy that was set before Him.

Would that love then turn around and hurt you? Never!

CHAPTER 4

GIVE TO THE POOR

“God’s compassionate heart.”

Giving to the poor is the only giving that isn’t given to God, but to mankind. The rate of reimbursement of alms giving is dollar for dollar.

> “He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.”
>
> Proverbs 19:17

Why do you think this type of giving is not multiplied back to you?

Could it be the soil?

God is compassionate, and giving to those less fortunate honors God’s heart for suffering humanity. When we give to the poor, we are giving *for* God. God wants us to give to the poor.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus told us to give to the poor in secret? Could it be so we don’t become connected to the wrong power? The *spirit* behind the poor--POVERTY!

It’s bad soil. Keeping a heart towards the poor is a biblical command. Jesus expects us to give to the poor as our Christian duty and to show mercy, not to receive a harvest. We should always give to the poor in secret.

It’s good to give to the poor when you need healing. The Bible says that when you remember the poor, your health will spring forth speedily. *Do* give to the poor for your healing. That's Isaiah 58:7-8

What not to do when you give to the poor:

1. Don't give your best

We are instructed to let the poor glean the *edges* of our fields.

> “Do not waste your good seed among thorns.”
>
> Jeremiah 4:3

As a business owner, John is constantly asked for donations. He used to give them his best paint. Then one day, he had an epiphany: “They haven’t sown, but they are asking to reap the best. I’m only giving them the edges of my field from now on.” He reserves his best deals for people who are great customers.

> “Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”
>
> Matthew 6:26

Learn from the birds. They don’t sow, so they have no harvest, and nothing extra. But God is merciful to them. He feeds them. We can follow his example.

2. Poor doesn’t equal lazy.

Or helpless. The Bible says to leave the edges of your fields for the poor to glean; it doesn’t say to pick it for them and hand it to them. Giving handouts makes us feel good, but it strips the poor of their dignity.

3. Don't expect a harvest.

Galatians 6:7 says we reap what we sow; that means the soil determines the harvest, and you do **not** want what the poor have to give.

It's rocky, thorny, shallow soil.

Alms are not seeds; they are a loan to the Lord. If you don't want to reap poverty, don't lay your hands on your money and ask God for a harvest from your donations to the poor.

4. Don't give it publicl y .

Have you ever wondered why Jesus told us to give our alms to the poor in secret? Jesus doesn’t even want your left hand to know what your right hand is doing.

Remember: We don’t connect to the person, we connect to the source behind the power they are walking in, and the source behind alms is a curse! It’s bad soil from an investment standpoint.

John and I give to the poor regularly. So I am certainly *not* saying “don’t give to the poor.”

I *am* saying, “This is *how* to give to the poor.”

CHAPTER 5

OFFERINGS

“Offerings begin at eleven per cent.”

Once you are a tither, the fun begins!

The tithe establishes the covenant; it’s our foundation. And since the tithe doesn’t belong to you in the first place (the tithe is the Lord’s), it’s not an eligible seed. That’s what offerings are for.

There are many different types of offerings:

The Daily Seed, The Seed of Obedience, The Widow’s Mite, Missions Giving, Seed-Faith, Sacrificial Giving, The Precious Seed, and many more.

John and I have fun giving offerings. Hardly a day goes by without us giving something to someone. That’s our daily seed giving.

> “ 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.”
>
> Ecclesiastes 11:6

Once I put a dress on to go shopping. I looked in the mirror and thought, “This is the last time I’ll wear this dress.” I went to a clothing store, and the clerk complimented me on my dress. Then she mentioned again how much she liked it.

I bought a new outfit and went into the dressing room, and I changed out of my dress. I walked by her on the way out and handed it to her. I told her Jesus loves her. She was so happy.

A couple weeks later, a friend said she had a dress custom made, and it still somehow didn’t fit her. She gave it to me. It was much nicer than the dress I had given away. And it fit like it was made for me. See? Giving is fun!

John had an extra wedding band I bought him that was a little too big. One day Kevin was over, and mentioned he lost his ring. I gave him John’s extra one—it fit him perfectly. *One day later* , someone gave me a much nicer ring that fit me perfectly.

Giving is like a boomerang, except it always comes back around bigger and better than when you throw it.

The Seed of Obedience is one of my favorites. This is when God gives you

a specific instruction on what to give. When He does this, He already has your harvest on His mind. When God gives me an instruction, I have great expectancy in my giving. I know it's a done deal!

"Whatsoever He says to you, do it."

John 2:5

The **Widow's Mite Seed** is your humble, small beginnings seed. Don't despise it! Sometimes big isn't how much you give, but how much you have left. It's big in the eyes of God, and the ball will start rolling to change your future in a God-sized way.

When Jesus stood by the offering basket, He watched *how* the people put the money in, not *how much* they put in. It's a story we already covered in another chapter, found in the book of Mark, verses 41-44.

The size of the contribution isn't what God is looking at. He doesn't need our money, so how do we establish a valuable offering when the One we give to doesn't need it?

God thought of everything. He doesn't look at what we give, but how precious it is to us. God depends on us to establish the value of what we give. If it takes our breath away, it will take His breath away, too.

The Precious Seed happens in the heart of man. That's where God looks. Notice what the passage says: It says Jesus observed HOW the people tossed the money into the offering, not HOW MUCH the people tossed in. It's not the amount; it's the preciousness. If our offering is precious to us, it will be precious to God, too.

- God gave "the precious" when He gave Jesus to die for us; Jesus was God's BEST.
- The widow gave the precious when she fed the man of God her and her son's last cake and water.
- Samuel was Hannah's precious offering. She told God, "Give me a baby and I'll give him back to You."
- Isaac was Abraham's precious. He offered Isaac up, then God said, "Now I know you see Me as your God!"
- Benjamin was the precious. Joseph said, "If you don't bring Benjamin…"

What is your “precious?” Will you trust God with it?

Missions Giving is another type of giving that honors God by honoring His command to go unto all the world and preach the good news.

You give to missions when you give an offering to a traveling evangelist, or partner with someone taking a Mission trip. You can give at church and earmark it for Missions. You can even sow your time and take a Mission trip yourself. Even praying for missionaries is a seed.

Friends of ours were sent to the other side of the world as missionaries, and we set up a monthly donation for them. Later that day, I was pushing my three-year-old grandson Asher on the swings, and out of the blue, he said, “Gaga, I want to talk about GOD!” I led him to the Lord on the swings; it will always be remembered as one of the most precious moments of my life.

I sowed. I reaped.

Sacrificial Giving is when God asks you to use the money you were saving for something else. Here is my husband John, telling his great testimony of sacrificial giving:

John *:* Our pastor did an appeal for our church building project, but he said before we decide how much to give, we should fast and pray for one week. I fasted, and I heard a ridiculously big number—I didn’t even have that much cash in my account. I had to sell stock to pay it. But I was obedient to sow—even though I sowed in tears. I fell out of my chair when I gave it! I named my seed to land ‘the bridge account’, the biggest account we ever bid.

The bridge account was a huge opportunity to paint bridges in the state. In the past, it was given to the big national paint companies, but we miraculously made it to the last round of bidding. It was a toss-up between our regional company and one other huge national company.

Soon we got the news--the *national company* won the bid. They beat us out. I was mad at God and my wife. I told her, “This giving thing does not work! We lost the bid.”

Judy said, “It’s not over.” And I snapped back at her, “It is over. It’s over. They awarded the job to the other company today.”

Judy said again, “I’m telling you, honey, it’s not over until God says it’s

over. He has a million ways to get you that job." But I was determined to pout. In all my years, I've never seen a job come back around once it was given to another company.

Three days later, the bridge account called and said the national company was playing fast and loose with the rules. They informed me that they were pulling the bid from them and giving it to us. We got the job after all. It was far and away the biggest account we've ever landed.

I excitedly thought, "I have to call Judy!" Then I thought, "Shoot, I have to call Judy…" As you can probably guess, she wasn't a bit surprised. She has mountain-moving faith!"

God already had John's harvest in mind when He instructed him how much to sow. That seed covered so many kinds of giving: it was a precious, obedient, sacrificial, faith seed.

It's important to note that a sower never considers his circumstances before he plants. This is a trap!

"If you'll only obey Me and let Me help you, I'll make you rich!"

Isaiah 1:19

Notice this verse doesn't say, "I'll make you rich when the economy improves."

*We have to give first, **then** God provides the increase.*

John and I had a perfect financial storm brewing overhead, and it had the ability to wipe us out in one fell swoop.

What did we do?

We INCREASED our giving!

We needed some big things to happen, so we had to give big. Even though our income went down, we did not decrease our tithe--we kept giving on the income we had before--and we increased our upward giving by 50%.

Not only did our troubles vanish, the people causing us trouble had to pay us thousands of dollars for our trouble. And we never stepped foot in court.

God honors faith. He found other ways to prosper us, and we never missed a beat. He confirmed that our job is not our source; God is our source.

God is no respecter of persons. He will honor you, too! He loves you so

much. Don't look at the circumstances and let fear cause you to choke off in your giving.

> “He who observes the wind [and waits for all conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will *not reap.”*
>
> Ecclesiastes 11:4

We aren't tied into the world system; that's for the heathen. God's seed system is alive and well, and there is no shortage there. It’s our job to stay connected to God’s way of doing things.

CHAPTER 6

HOW TO SOW FOR GUARANTEED RESULTS

“Every seed has a different future.”

Think of this chapter is a guidebook for giving. Here are some instructions from the Bible to make sure your seed hits your desired target with the power of God behind it:

1. Don't sow all your seed the same way.

It’s easy to get into a rut with your giving. A rut isn’t going to take you higher, though. You might give cash to a person one week, a guest minister the next. Maybe you’ll give a dress or a dresser, or even a car or a house!

> "The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. He doesn't thresh all his crops the same way."
>
> Isaiah 28:26-27, 29

The seed has to be planted in the right soil.

According to Mark 4:13, we have to understand the seed and the soil.

A few years ago, some legal troubles were looming over us. Months went by. I prayed, and asked God to show me where to plant seed to make the legal troubles disappear.

I heard the graduating students at the law school needed nice clothes for interviewing. I felt impressed to sow them into the law students. They were so happy to receive them that they even came to my house to pick them up.

Not only did the legal problems dissolve shortly after, but the people who were tormenting us paid us thousands of dollars to let them back out of the deal.

I sowed clothes to law students, and my legal troubles dissolved…

The soil matters!

2. Seed Should be Scattered.

Millionaires understand that there are multiple streams of income from multiple investments. There are also multiple streams of income from investing in the kingdom of God.

"Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, (scatter your seed)

for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.

Be sure to stay busy and plant a variety of crops,

for you never know which will grow—

perhaps they all will."

Ecclesiastes 11:1, 6

You never know what a seed can do. It’s pure potential: You can count how many seeds are in an apple, but you can't count how many apples are in a seed. There might even be an entire orchard in one apple.

"There is one who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty."

Proverbs 11:24

Not every gift is for the ministry. This means we have more options than giving into the bucket at church. We can give anywhere at any time. A sower is always on the lookout for fertile soil. God gave us many streams for planting seed.

I was at a Christian conference, sitting about half-way back in this giant room that seated thousands. A famous healing evangelist was one of the speakers, speaking later in the week.

I prayed, “God, I want to sit in the front row when he speaks.” It wasn't a minute later God answered my prayer—with an instruction. He said, "Give your special luncheon ticket to the girl next to you."

I asked her if she was going to the luncheon, and she told me she wanted to go, but she didn’t have a ticket. I said, "Well, you do now!" She took it gladly; it was an answered prayer for her.

She happened to be an usher, and she said, "These aren't the greatest seats, but if you want me to, I'll save you a seat right next to me for every service. You won't have to come early and stand in line again. I said, "Thanks!"

Before the next service, when I entered the giant room, she was flagging me down.

Something was different, though. She was flagging me down from the front row! She said someone had to leave unexpectedly, so they moved her into their front row seat, but she still remembered me!

Not only was I front row and center for my favorite healing evangelist, but also for every single service the entire week. God answered my prayer exceedingly, abundantly, above all I could ask or think. Everything He does is wonderful.

If God ever asks you to plant a specific seed, plant it with great expectation.

I sowed my seat at a luncheon to an usher for a better seat, being fed at the head table by the Word of God. You always reap what you sow.

In Luke 5:2-11, Jesus asked Simon to plant his boat as a seed for Jesus to preach from. He got a huge supernatural harvest that same day, and went on to become a disciple. Luke helped Jesus fish for men, so Luke became a fisher of men. You always reap what you sow!

3. Increase the Giving as the Seed Increases.

In other words, consistently move above the tithe. God showed me this is why some people never move past the ten-fold return.

For example, if my paycheck is 1000 dollars, I tithe 100. Then in two weeks I get another paycheck for 1000 dollars, and I tithe 100. I never break out! I am just established. The purpose of the tithe is to establish us in the covenant.

It's like the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30); one man got one talent, one got two talents, and one got five talents. They all started out with one talent, and that one talent was their opportunity to sow their way up the ladder to two and five talents.

There are levels of progression in the fold return, and we must sow our way up. It's a process: first the leaf, then the blade, then the stalk.

If I keep giving 10%, how can I expect to move to the 30-fold return?

It's a common thing for people to give ten percent, then pray for a 100-fold return. What about the 30 and 60-fold? We have to work ourselves up the ladder of progression. If we desire a 100-fold return, we must give a 100-fold offering.

Sometimes people who are still at the tithe level will get excited, and they'll

give extra. They get a big harvest from it, because God is bumping them up to another level in the fold return. But when they get the big harvest, they go right back to giving 10%, and they bump themselves right back down to the 10-fold return.

In order to move out of the 10-fold return, we must consistently give more than 10% of our income. When we get our harvest, we'll know it because it isn't just our regular paycheck. It's something extra. From that point on, we can bump ourselves up by increasing the percentage we give from it. And never ever go back down to 10%--keep moving forward! God said it's the measure we use that's measured back to us.

When I move to a new level in my giving, it’s always a little painful. This is called a "choking point". It's the point where we struggle going higher. We tend to choke in every area, spending more than what we are used to.

If I asked you, “What is the most you would spend on a pair of shoes?” You would be able to give me an answer very quickly—especially the ladies!

The choking points aren't placed by God, they are placed by us. When we push through to the next level, our reward is always on the other side of it, because it's the measure we use that's measured back to us.

John and I needed some big things this year, so we increased our upward giving, and soon things started moving forward for us again. Don't wait for a bigger measure to give a bigger measure. Push through that choking point.

This is where faith comes in.

> "Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously.”
>
> 2 Corinthians 9:11

4. Name the Seed

A seed needs an instruction—especially money seed--we *have* to name our seed. Remember to plant purposefully.

In 1 Kings 4:8-17, there was a woman from Shunem who gave and gave, but she didn't name her seed. She fed Elisha the prophet, and treated him like a son; she even built him his own bedroom in her house and took care of him.

Elisha couldn’t get the woman from Shunem off his mind. Finally, Elisha

asked her what she wanted and she said, "Nothing." But that seed was crying out for an instruction, so *Elisha named it for her* .

Did you know your man of God is authorized to name your seed?!

The woman from Shunem treated Elisha like a son, and she got a son of her own. We reap what we sow. After years of consistent sowing, she received *no* harvest--until her seed was named.

There's another example of the importance of naming your seed found in 2 Chronicles1:6-13. Solomon gave 1000 burnt offerings at the altar, but he didn't name his seed.

Then God appeared to Solomon in a dream that very night and asked him to name his seed:

> God said, "What do you want, Solomon?"
>
> "Solomon went up to the bronze altar before the LORD in the tent of meeting and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it."
>
> That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

2 Chronicles1:6-7

Solomon sowed a significant seed, one that got God's attention. God couldn't get that seed off His mind, so He appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Hey Solomon, you forgot to name your seed. I can't release the harvest until you name it." Read the whole passage; Solomon's answer was so profound, he ended up being the wisest and richest man who ever lived.

5. Water the Seed with the Word of God

Once you sow, make sure your confession lines up with your desires. No matter what it looks like in the natural, don't waver.

> "The seeds die in the parched ground, and the grain crops fail."

Joel 1:17

Sow seeds of life in your heart so when the time element comes into play, your faith won't waver. You can put God's Word in your heart and it will produce God's life; and God is rich, rich, rich!

Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks:

> "Don't lose sight of My Words. Let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning."
>
> Proverbs 4:21-22

When I sow, my level of expectancy skyrockets, and my faith is ignited for what I desire. Yours will be, too.

CHAPTER 7

THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCERNMENT IN HARVEST

“Sometimes Your Harvest is What you Don’t Get.”

A country music artist wrote a hit song about unanswered prayers. In it he mentions that some of God’s greatest gifts are unanswered prayers. We’ve all been there, right?

Sometimes an unanswered prayer is a harvest in disguise.

When we are spared from a disaster, injury, financial ruin, or sickness, it’s also a harvest.

In other words, sometimes a harvest is what we *don’t* get.

This past Spring I had a terrifying experience while I was out for a run. I was a half mile from home when I felt something brush my legs.

I looked down, and to my horror it was a huge, muscular pit bull. I put my hand down toward it and shouted, “Blood of Jesus! Blood of Jesus!”

The dog kept trying to bite my legs but his mouth stayed open. He couldn’t bite me! After what seemed like an eternity, he left me. Before I could even get away, another pit bull appeared out of nowhere.

I screamed, “Blood of JESUS!” and put my hand down toward it. When I did, I accidently hit him in the nose. I ran out into the busy street to get away, but he followed me. Cars were stopped going both ways, and they were beeping their horns and yelling at the dog. The second pit bull couldn’t bite me either! I finally got across the road and escaped.

I looked back, and was so terrified that I actually wet my pants. The dog’s owners came out and corralled the dogs, and their neighbors called the police.

That night, I was wound up and couldn’t settle into sleep. My mind kept racing. I couldn’t stop thinking about what *might have* happened, and how differently that could have gone.

I could’ve gotten hit by a car when I ran out into the street to get away from the dog, or maybe I could’ve been mauled and ended up with a big hospital bill. After thinking these things for a good while, the Lord interrupted my thoughts.

He said, “Judy, not a hair on your head was harmed. And what *could’ve*

happened was all in your mind, it was ***never*** in Mine."

In this instance, my harvest was not something I could see and touch, it was protection from harm.

A few weeks later we happened to be driving down that same street, and a moving van was parked in front of the house where the dogs lived. Bye, bye doggies.

God has no defeats planned for you. He adores you. He wants you to prosper in every way, and that includes your safety.

My son CJ is all grown up now, but when he was eighteen years old, he went on a ski trip with his buddies. Before they got in the car to drive to Colorado, I anointed them with oil, and off they went.

My husband and I were taking a trip at the same time, to Kauai. While we were flying over the ocean, CJ was at the border of Colorado. He fell asleep at the wheel and flipped the car three times.

Miraculously, no one was injured, and by the time we landed in Kauai, CJ had already figured out how to get home.

I was thanking God for keeping them from harm when the Lord told me that he protected four harvests for me. He said he protected my vacation, CJ's health, and his future, (CJ will bear much fruit) and He protected our finances.

"Our finances?" I asked. "How?"

The Lord said, "Judy, what the devil had in mind for CJ would've cost you a year's wages."

The harvest was great! But it wasn't tangible. Sometimes our harvest is something we can't see. It's still a harvest!

My seed covered me, just as your seed will cover you.

> "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
>
> So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
>
> Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,"
>
> Malachi 3:11

There is a story from the Bible about a very smart lady. She is only referred to as "the woman from Shunem," but her story is miraculous and very

important.

The woman from Shunem gave upward to Elisha consistently, because he was a man of God. Every time he passed through town, she would put him up in her home, and even built a bedroom just for him. She treated him like her very own son.

Before long, God gave her a son of her own. But then her son died. She thought to herself, “I have seed in the ground with the man of God, Elisha. I will go to him, and he will raise my son up.”

She did, and he did! Her son came back to life.

Sometime after that, there was a famine in the land. Elisha went to her and warned her to flee the coming famine. There is no record of Elisha warning anyone but the Shunammite woman.

Seven years later she returned to her land, and just as she was passing by the king, he was hearing the miraculous story of her son being raised from the dead. The Shunammite woman found favor with the king, and he gave her land back to her, including the seven years of lost wages.

God protected her son, his future, and her finances. You can read about her son’s miracle in 2 Kings 4:8-37 , and read about her talk with the king in 2 Kings 8:1, 6 .

God did it for me, he did it for the Shunammite woman, and He’ll do it for you!

> “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism.”
>
> Acts 10:34

CHAPTER 8

WHERE IS MY HARVEST?

"How to Swing the Sickle."

Have you ever waited and waited for a harvest that never came, and couldn't figure out why? When we look in the Bible, we can find some answers. I've already covered one: sowing into bad soil.

Another mistake is failure to put action to your faith in the first place.

> "So, you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."
>
> James 2:17

1. Make sure to combine your faith with action.

I have a spoiler alert for you: You are not waiting on God! He's waiting on you. You are missing it somewhere.

A young couple at our church contacted us and asked if we could meet with them. They were frustrated because they had been believing for a house, but four years had gone by by and they were no closer to getting one.

Over dinner, I asked them some questions: I asked if they had written out their goals or created a dream board with a picture of their dream house on it. I asked if they started a separate new house savings account. I asked if they had gone out house-hunting.

Then I asked if they had sown any seed.

The answer to every question was no.

I told them, "You aren't believing for a house at all. You're just hoping and wishing for one, and you aren't waiting on God. He's waiting on you!"

Faith isn't faith until it is put into action.

I like how the Message Translation puts it:

> "Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?"
>
> James 2:17

John and I gave them some homework to do. About a month later they asked to meet with us again. We were very impressed.

They had done everything we asked them to do—**except upward giving** .

We gently reminded them they need to sow-up to go up. They picked a couple and agreed to give to them.

Two days after they gave, a relative bought them a house and they moved in eight weeks later!

If you feel you are waiting on God for something, ask God to show you where you are missing it. Then do what you know to do, and God will do what only He can do.

I like to picture my giving this way: When I open my hand to release what's in it, before I even get a chance to close my hand, God fills it.

2. Don't let strife tie your harvest up in thorns.

If you have children, then you know how exasperating it is when they don't get along. When we argued, my mom used to say, "I was going to take you all out to lunch today, but now I'm not." My mom wanted to bless us, but strife blocked the blessing.

God likes it when His kids get along. When there is harmony in my household, I can feel God's pleasure.

> "Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom"
>
> Song of Songs 2:15

One day, many years ago in prayer, I said to God**,** "Why isn't my harvest coming in?" He told me my money *is* coming in, but it's getting caught up in thorns because of strife in our home.

Here's what happened: John and I went through a short season of strife early in our marriage, and it's the only time since we've been together that we didn't prosper. I got saved first, and I tried to force John to be saved, too. This caused arguments and contention.

One day God said, "Judy, I want to hit John in the face with a pie, but you won't get out of his face, so I can't get a clear shot."

I promised to move out of God's way and let Him help us, and agree with John about everything. I promised to let God work on him from the inside.

I was tested right away!

Two days later--out of the blue--John mentioned that Mount Hope was the church I picked out, and since he's the man of the house, he would like to pick the church we attend.

I was determined to agree with John, so I said, "That's fine. You pray about it, and wherever God sends us, I'll go."

Then I thought to myself, "I'm telling on you!" and went in the walk-in closet. I said to God, "Did you hear my husband? God, I know that You gave Pastor Dave to be my spiritual leader, and I also know you wouldn't plant me one place and John another. Bring on the pie!"

I never said a word about it to anyone.

That very Sunday at church, which seats three thousand people, Pastor Dave was preaching. Suddenly, he got quietly. Then he stepped off the altar, came down to our aisle and stood right up to JOHN! He put his Bible in John's lap and put his arm around John. Then he said, "Hey John, look at this Scripture; isn't it good?" John looked up at him and agreed. Then Pastor Dave went back up to the platform and finished his sermon.

The pie God wanted to hit John with was a love pie. John needed to know the pastor cared. It worked! John never mentioned leaving again.

By the way, the strife didn't leave because John got saved. **The strife had to leave FIRST.** The Bible says when there is strife, the Holy Spirit exits and every evil thing can surround us like vultures. How can we expect to lead anyone to Christ without the Holy Spirit?

> “For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.”
>
> James 3:16

God told me I only had one job: Love John. He promised to do the changing if I did the loving. If you know John, you know he’s easy to love.

We found a way to stay in agreement: becoming one. And guess what? We started prospering again.

Now, when we see other couples arguing, we look at each other and shake our heads and say, "Rookie mistake".

The next time you are tempted to get into strife, make sure to count the cost. Strife is expensive!

3. Unforgiveness is a blessing blocker.

Nothing will stop your harvest faster than unforgiveness, *even if it's the other person that has something against you.*

> "If you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,
>
> Leave your gift there in front of the altar.
>
> First go and be reconciled to them;
>
> Then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24

Donna Partow has written the gold standard on unforgiveness in her book titled, ***The Special Blessing Prayer*** . This book was life-changing for me, and is the best book on using the power of forgiveness to be blessed.

CONCLUSION

WRAP UP

To wrap things up, in this book we have learned about:

1. The Law of the Seed
2. Invest Where You Want To Go
3. The Tithe
5. Offerings
6. How to Sow for Guaranteed Results
7. The Importance of Discernment in Harvest
8. Where is My Harvest?

Each of these principles are powerful and will help you find a sure path to the riches and blessings God has prepared especially for you.

John and I are living proof that He is faithful to do it! Read this book, or specific parts of it, as many times as you need to get it into your spirit.

Now, I want to talk to you about one more harvest before we end our time together. There is a power harvest so big, so weighty, that no human can give it to you.

It’s so huge, it takes God an eternity to pour it out on you. It's a blessing no one is born into, and there's only one way to get it--only one way in!

I am not ashamed of my faith in God and feel I would be doing you a disservice if I didn't share with you the opportunity my pastor shared with me many years ago.

It’s the ultimate in sowing and reaping. We die to our sins and reap the righteousness of God. As you read my testimony, if you haven’t already prayed the prayer of salvation, you will have that opportunity at the end of this story. God bless you!

My Personal Testimony

AFTERWORD

"Jesus is Lord."

Have you ever experienced a defining moment in your life, a turning point?

I am almost the youngest of eight children, raised Catholic. Growing up in school I wasn't very strong academically, but I was an exceptional athlete. I was a diver on the swim team, and I was seeded second in the state.

I consistently fought against going to church; I was determined to go my own way. When I turned sixteen, I told my parents I was done with church, and they were so beat up and beaten down by all my brothers and sisters, they had no strength to fight me.

I remember that Easter, everyone got an Easter basket except me. I asked my mom where mine was, and she said that Easter is a religious holiday, and since I had shunned religion, I wasn't qualified to partake in Easter. And you know what? As far as I could tell, that was the only downfall!

But I was wrong; it wasn't the only downfall…

Slowly but surely, everything began to go wrong. As a senior at the regional diving meet to determine who attends the state meet, I was in first place out of 56 divers. When I jumped on the diving board to attempt my 5th dive, my knees buckled and I fell in. Even with a failed dive, I took 13th place.

Because only the top 12 went to the state meet, I didn't qualify—even though I was consistently ranked number two in the state. That's a big deal for a high school kid.

Other bad things happened, too; yucky bad things. It seemed like I was always being tormented. Even when I tried to do right it went wrong. I couldn't get a break!

I married into a family that was dealing with some serious issues. As time went on, I began to fear for the safety of my children and myself. For the next 10 years I slept with the phone within reach, speed-dialed to 911. On the inside, I constantly shook like a scared little bunny. I lived in such fear.

My life had become a series of failures.

Then one day a neighbor befriended me. She kept telling me she was praying for me. I couldn't figure out why she was so nice to me, and even though we were nothing alike I was strangely drawn to her. She ALWAYS invited me to church…and I ALWAYS said I didn't need it.

Finally, she found her angle: I was taking a class on Philosophy and had a speech to give, but I was at a loss for a topic. She invited me to her church to hear a seminar called "Evolution versus Creation." She said I could give my speech on that--and I wouldn't even have to do my own research, so I went.

During the presentation, as I heard the scientific evidence against evolution and for creation, I got a sinking feeling in my stomach.

That night, even though I didn't realize it at the time, I had a defining moment:

I got down on my knees and said, "God, I am so sorry. You really are real. If You let me live until morning, I'll go back to church. I'll make it up to You."

The next day I became a church-goer. I felt really close to God. Within the month I was a member of a Lutheran church. I was even greeting people at the door, baking casseroles, and teaching Sunday School.

But now the rest of my life started crumbling apart. It was as if I woke up and I was in the middle of a nightmare!

Now that I was awake, living in fear of my mother-in-law was unacceptable. One day I had had enough. I threw my 3 kiddos in the car and left my marriage with the shirt on my back—and the vacuum cleaner. I took no money. I had no college degree, no job, and no place to live.

Even though it looked like my world had fallen apart, the truth is that it was about to finally come together!

Did you know when we're in our rightful place, the whole universe bends towards us to assist us in our destiny?

That's what began happening: I enrolled at MSU and was accepted into the school--but not my program. I marched up to the admissions office and I told them I didn't have time to mess around. I told them that I needed to get

into that program NOW.

They let me in.

I was basically homeless at the time. Me and my kiddos were staying two hours away with my sister. The campus housing department was notified of my situation, and they let me move into my apartment early, before I was even enrolled.

Someone was going before me to make my way straight.

While I was a student, a teacher mistreated me, and when I reported her, they fired her. *It seemed I had an unseen Protector.*

The goodness kept coming.

I was hired by the Michigan Athletic Club (a high-end health club in town). I was running on the track when a lady ran up next to me. She asked how I came to be in East Lansing and when I told her my story, she asked me for my phone number.

That night she called me and said her husband was a lawyer, and he wanted to see me--for free. He was one of the area's high-powered lawyers, so he was really good. Anyway, he got me tens of thousands of dollars from my marriage, and I didn't have to lift a finger to fight my own battle. I never stepped foot in court or spent even one minute defending myself. My lawyer refused to let me pay him even one penny. *The Lord defends the weak!*

My new boss introduced me to his best friend, John, who later became my husband. *He sets the lonely in families.*

The tables had turned: Before, when I rejected Christ, I couldn't catch a break. Now the good breaks were catching me!

In the meantime, I earned my college degree and became a personal trainer. A doctor and his wife that I trained took me to Hawaii for ten days, all-expenses-paid, in return for one hour of personal training while we were together in paradise.

I was training an older gentleman whose wife had died, and he was so lonely. He became a grandpa to me and the kids. I was still living in campus housing, so he bought me a condo to live in. He said it would make me more appealing as a potential wife to John. It worked! John asked me to marry him, and we are still madly in love 25 years later.

Then I was led to Mount Hope Church, and the most amazing, incredible, man of God named Pastor Dave led me to true *salvation* . I began to grow into all God created me to be--and He's not done with me yet! He has an eternity to release His goodness into my life--and He is so full of goodness, it will take an eternity!

And even though my W2 form said I made 750 dollars the year before, and four thousand the following year, I was living in East Lansing in a beautiful 3 story condo, taking trips to Hawaii, going to a Big Ten school, dating the town's most eligible bachelor, and using high-powered lawyers.

How could this be?

Through these experiences I learned something very valuable:

God is my source!!! He's my Provider, my Banner of Victory, my Protector, my loving Father. He's my Right-Now God, He's my Deliverer, He's the God Who Sees my trouble and my pain. He's my Sanctification, my Righteousness, my Healer, and the Lover of my soul. And there is no other God.

The Bible says the way of the transgressor is hard. Ouch!!! I learned that lesson the long, hard way. But it also says the righteous shall be rewarded.

Ever since the day I bowed my knee to be sanctified and set apart by God, and to be born again through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, my life has been a well-watered garden.

How about you?

If it seems like the whole universe is bending away from you instead of toward you, maybe it's not your gender, race, or spouse; maybe it's not the economy. ***Maybe it's because you aren't in your rightful place.***

Have you been stubbornly going your own way?

Maybe you need a defining moment....

If this is you, there is Hope. Drop to your knees right now and talk to God

from your heart. Tell God you are sorry. Tell Him you are ready to live your life His way and not your own, and confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Tell Him you believe Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and died for your sins.

Ask Him to come into your heart and make His home, save your soul, and help you cross over into His love and goodness. And tell Him thank you because that is a prayer He longs to answer.

Did you just pray that prayer?

Congratulations! Welcome to God's family! Now that you are a child of God, there's one thing you can do that even God can't do: You can tell other people that Jesus saved your soul! Tell someone today, okay? Tell them God is preparing a mansion for you in heaven even now. And tell them it's because Jesus died for you. Isn't that good news? Be sure to find a Bible-believing church so you can grow in God’s goodness.

Love, and God bless you,

Judy

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Judy and I live in East Lansing, Mi, where we raised our 3 children. We are currently busy undermining these children by spoiling our 7 grandchildren.

God’s humor is on full display every day at our house as Mr. Type A competes with Mrs. Happy Go Lucky.

We are exact opposites who are perfectly yoked.

We respect each other's skillset, are quick to admit defeat, and have learned to celebrate one another's abilities.

I’ve been blessed to serve as the president of O’Leary Paint, which manufactures and distributes paint through our own network of stores in Michigan. And Judy loves making the most of her BS in Exercise Physiology and has a genuine passion for Jesus, nutrition, health, and the seed revelation.

We love being active together running, biking, and exercising. We love Hawaii.

Our experiences continue to affirm that it is about the journey and not the destination.

We marvel at the people God has put in our lives, and hope He will continue to give us the harvest of relationships, which is even more meaningful to us than our professional and financial harvests.

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