

Give Away a Portion of your Earnings.

There is an age-old principle of reaping and sowing, and it works. Invest a portion of your earnings into a good cause or charity. In this way you are being thankful for what you have been given, and applying this thankfulness in a physical, practical way. If we are fortunate enough to read this short note, than we are indeed people with many riches.

Yes, times can be tough, but there will always be someone else who is having a more difficult time than us. In any stage in life, whether with riches or with financial strain, always be in the habit of giving a portion of your profits or income to someone in need. This might be a monthly contribution to a registered charity, a sponsored child in Africa, or even inviting someone less fortunate out for dinner. In any case, if you maintain a giving attitude in your life, you will find much happiness.

Although the intent of giving should never be to get back, you most likely will find that where you give, is the area in which will be returned to you.

I remember one time an organization was collecting used instruments for use in third world countries. While I was away on business, my wife gave away my cheap 6-string guitar without asking me. Even though it was a piece of junk, I loved that guitar, and it took some time to forgive my wife for her generosity. About two years later, after I had forgotten about this incident, a friend of mine came up to me, and out of the blue, decided to give me a new 12-string Norman acoustic guitar. This guitar was about 10 times better than the old piece of junk I used to have. Sometimes the very thing you give away, will come back to you 10-fold.

This principle is sowing and reaping. It works in all aspects of life. If you treat people with respect, you will receive respect. If you are generous with your cigars, chances are people will give cigars back to you. If you give out much love, chances are you will have many people loving you. If you are generous with your funds, chances are you will always have plenty.

If you extend out an open hand to give, with that same open hand you can receive. If your fist is always closed with selfishness, how can you receive anything at all?

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