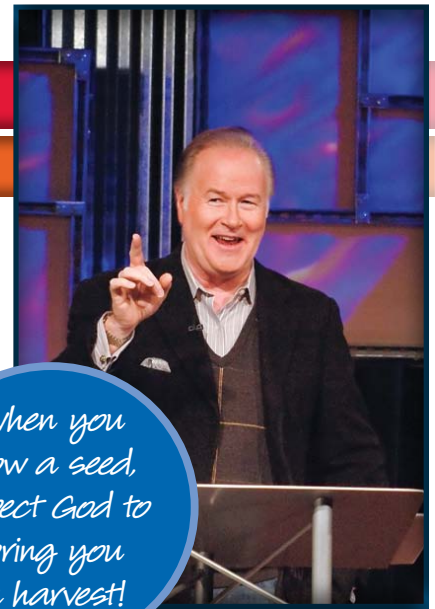


You are not limited by the world's economic system...

because GOD is your TRUE SOURCE for all good things!



*When you
sow a seed,
expect God to
bring you
a harvest!*

Dear Partner,

Do you realize how special you are to God? He has the very hairs on your head numbered... You are of such great worth to Him! And He wants to be YOUR SOURCE for every good thing you need in your life. You don't have to operate on the world's timetable or by its systems. The economy may be in a recession, but you don't have to be...

I believe this year is YOUR TIME TO FLOURISH... But you are going to have to do your part. You will need to ACT on God's Word in faith and obedience if you really want to see results. That's why I want to share five biblical principles on sowing your seed that I believe will open the floodgates of God's provision into your life, especially when the storms of life come. When you sow the seed of your life, your time, your love, and your finances to God, I believe He will bring you increase so great that you will have to make extra room in your life just to receive all the blessings He has for you (Malachi 3:10-11)!

I encourage you to make a fresh commitment to the Lord right now, and let Him speak to you through this letter. Allow these FIVE PRINCIPLES of SUCCESSFUL SOWING to get down into your heart and live by them...so you can enjoy the harvest that comes from sowing in faith and obedience unto the Lord.

PRINCIPLE #1: Be generous with your giving. According to 2 Corinthians 9:7, God loves givers who are cheerful, enthusiastic, and generous...givers who aren't afraid to give...who look for ways to be generous. Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 says, *Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth.* It is a wise idea to sow liberally and broadly, because that increases your opportunity for a harvest...even in hard times.

How do you choose where to sow? I like to sow where the work of God is fruitful...where the soil is good and rich...because good soil produces a mighty harvest. The Oral Roberts Ministries is good soil. We've received more than 125,000 testimonies of answered prayers since *The Place for Miracles* began airing on television in 1997. We share the Gospel with countless people through our international healing crusades. We are giving millions of meals to hungry children worldwide through our humanitarian outreach, *Hunger Needs A Voice*®. As you sow into the Oral Roberts Ministries, you are sowing into each person whose life is being changed as a result of what the Lord is doing through this ministry.

I also like to sow where I'm being fed. Let me ask you a question: Are you being fed spiri-

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tually through the Oral Roberts Ministries? Are you receiving encouragement and answers to prayer through this ministry? Has the 24-hours a day, 7-days a week Abundant Life Prayer Group helped you or a loved one in a time of need? I believe that you are a partner with us because your answer is a resounding YES! I trust the Lord that you are receiving from Him through this ministry, and I'm thankful to God for it. And I encourage you to keep sowing seed here, so you can reap mighty harvests from God through this ministry.

PRINCIPLE #2: The law of seed-time and harvest is certain. Ecclesiastes 11:3 says, *If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if a tree falls to the south or the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie.* In other words, some things in life are certain. If the clouds are full of rain, it rains. If a tree falls, it lies where it has fallen. And in Galatians 6:7, God tells us that we reap what we sow: *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

Every morning as I pray for you and all the partners of this ministry, I ask the Lord that the seed-faith gifts you sow unto Him through us will be multiplied back to you in the way you need it most! I believe that as you sow...whether it's finances, time, love, kindness, or whatever you have to give... you will reap, because **God promises you a harvest from the seeds you sow.** He promises that when you give, *it shall be given back to you* (Luke 6:38).

NOW I WANT YOU TO CATCH THIS... If you sow good seed, you're going to reap a good harvest. If you sow bad seed, your harvest will be bad. But if you sow *nothing*, you will reap *nothing*. You can't afford NOT to sow...because **harvests don't come to those who don't plant seed.** So whatever you do, make sure you find a way to sow whatever you can sow, whenever you can sow it. **You have to get your seed in the ground, so it can grow.**

PRINCIPLE #3: Don't wait for the perfect conditions to sow. Ecclesiastes 11:4 says it like this: *He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.* Let's face it... In the midst of a struggling economy, it is tempting to say, "I can't afford to sow unto God. I don't want to risk it." But if you wait for the conditions to be perfect before you give, you'll never sow your seed...and that's the worst decision you can make. Remember, you can't reap a harvest if you haven't sown any seed.

Many people fail to sow their seed because they are looking at their job, bank account, an investment, or some other everyday thing to be their provider. But all these things are temporary... They're subject to change...and they can fail.

But God never fails! He is the ultimate Source for you, because you are His child. He never gets caught by surprise, and He never has a bad day. And He wants to be your Provider. He doesn't want you to depend on natural circumstances and situations that can fail you or fall through. He wants you to place your trust in Him and believe that He will meet you at the point of your need.

PRINCIPLE #4: Don't rely on your own understanding. Ecclesiastes 11:5 says, *As you do not know what is the way of the wind, or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes everything.* There are some things you may never understand about how God can bring your miracle to pass. But you don't need to know. All you really need to know is that God *can* do it, and that **He will do it as you trust Him and obey Him** by living life according to His kingdom principles.

So...how do you handle the period between sowing and reaping? How do you stay strong in faith during that time? How do you handle the thoughts and questions that run through your mind

as you wait to see your harvest? Here's what you do... You focus on Him and His Word. You stay in faith, expecting your harvest until it comes. I've seen miracles happen in an instant, and I've seen miracles that have occurred over a period of time. **So don't give up or quit.** Remember what Galatians 6:9 says: *And LET US NOT GROW WEARY while doing good, for in due season WE SHALL REAP if we do not lose heart.*

PRINCIPLE #5: Work hard and trust God for the results. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.* God desires you to ACT on your faith, and one way to do so is to sow your seed unto Him in faith. You may not know how God is going to produce your next harvest. But you *do* know that according to His Word, you will reap what you've sown. So it's a good idea to plant seed every chance you get, and stay in faith that God will meet your needs.

Don't just sit back and do nothing! Make a commitment to always be ACTIVE...doing something, believing God for something, planting something. **NEVER let an offering go by without giving something...** Even if it seems as if you have nothing to give, you can offer your prayers to God... You can pray for someone else... You can ask God to supply you with seed to sow. If all you have is a dollar, you can still plant it. It's not too small. And if God is telling you to plant a large seed, don't hold it back. Put that seed into good soil, so it can produce a good harvest for you!

God has promised you that He will multiply the seed you sow. He promises to feed the sower and give him extra so he can plant some more (2 Corinthians 9:10). And because God is faithful to His Word, you don't have to let sowing be a time of stress for you. No matter what you may be facing, **GOD IS YOUR SOURCE!** The government is not your source. Your job is not your source. Your family is not your source. I'll say it again...**GOD IS YOUR SOURCE!**

If you have to say that a hundred times a day for the next hundred days to get that truth in your spirit, then do it...because **until you believe that GOD is your source, it will be hard to receive what you need from Him.** Hebrews 11:6 says that we must believe not only that God exists, but we must believe that He REWARDS those who seek Him. In other words, He can be your Source if you will seek Him, obey Him, sow your seed, and trust Him to reward you with a harvest.

THIS IS A KEY TO RECEIVING YOUR HARVEST... You must EXPECT God to respond to the faith and obedience you show when you sow your seed to Him. I think that is often the hardest thing for us to do... It's a challenge to sow our seed and then expect that somehow God will take that seed, no matter how large or how small it is, use it for His glory, and multiply it back to us *good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over* (Luke 6:38). Yet FAITH is EXPECTING GOD to respond to your faith and obedience. And you must be in faith, expecting Him to meet your need, if you are going to receive your harvest.

In this time of distress, economic trouble, the jobless rate, and the changes in our government, no man or woman knows what the future holds. BUT GOD KNOWS, because He holds the future in His hands. He holds *your future* in His hands. And He is ready to multiply the seed you sow. That means NOW IS THE TIME! There is no better time than RIGHT NOW to sow your seed unto the Lord and believe Him for the harvest you need.

That's why I've been challenging our partners to **plant a special above-and-beyond seed unto the Lord through this healing ministry.** I want to help you get into the rhythm of sowing and reaping. I believe with all my heart that if you give as the Word of God says—generously, fre-

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quently, and holding back NOTHING—then God will open the windows of heaven to you and pour you out a blessing so great that you'll have to make extra room in your life just to take it all in. You must do your part by obeying Him—You sow your seed, and then you trust Him to do His part.

Why am I asking you for this special seed-faith gift that goes above and beyond the norm? Because that's what the Lord told me to do. I don't know all the details of why He said it that way. But that's what He put on my heart, so I'm being obedient to Him and presenting it to you.

I believe God wants you to have the best harvest you can receive...the maximum harvest... His best for you! Isaac sowed in a time of famine (recession), and he reaped A HUNDRED-FOLD in the same year.

Jesus spoke about seeds that produced thirty-fold, sixty-fold, and a HUNDRED-FOLD. And I believe that God will speak to you through this letter about sowing your best seed unto Him through this healing ministry. So, don't delay! Let me hear from you right away about the seed God is leading you to sow. Be sure and let me know what you're believing for God to do as a result of the seed you're planting. The most important thing is that you do exactly as God is directing you to do right now. He will bless your obedience as you sow the seed He is asking you to sow.

If you haven't already requested my new DVD set *Now Is the Time... Step Boldly Into Everything God Has for You*, I encourage you to do so when you sow your seed-faith gift. I believe the six sermons on these DVDs will strengthen you as you move into the plans God has for you in the days ahead. It's my way of saying thank you for sowing unto the Lord through this healing ministry.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT... Complete and return the enclosed prayer sheet right away, and remind yourself that GOD IS YOUR SOURCE...even in the midst of what you may be facing. Don't forget to let me know about the needs you have in your life, so I can pray and come into agreement with you in faith for His miraculous flow of blessings to overtake you. I pray that as you sow unto the Lord through this ministry, you are setting yourself up for a tremendous harvest...good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, according to Luke 6:38. I can't wait to hear from you...and I'm looking forward to seeing God pour out His blessings into your life in a mighty way!

Your partner for miracles,



PS. God wants to be YOUR SOURCE! There is no better time than RIGHT NOW to sow your seed... I believe that as you ACT in obedience, you will enter into a flow of miracles from Him!

A Word from Richard Roberts



Partner,

I believe this is YOUR TIME TO FLOURISH... You are a blood-bought child of God, and you are of such great worth to Him! He knows what you need... He even has the hairs on your head numbered...and He wants to be YOUR SOURCE!

If you really want to reap a harvest from Him, you will need to ACT on His Word in faith and obedience by **sowing your seed unto Him**... That's why I'm challenging you to give a special **above-and-beyond seed-faith gift** unto the Lord through this ministry. I encourage you to seek the Lord about the seed He would have you sow, and don't hold back if He asks you to give more than you usually give. Be open to sowing a greater seed than you have sown in the past. Remember—harvests come only to those who plant seed.

This healing ministry is GOOD SOIL for you to sow into. More than 125,000 people have testified that they've received answers to prayers from the Lord through this ministry. That's the kind of soil you need to plant seed in, because it is producing harvests for people in need every day. Make a fresh commitment to the Lord and sow your above-and-beyond seed-faith gift today. There is no better time than RIGHT NOW to sow your seed. I believe that as you ACT in obedience to what He's telling you to sow, you will enter into a flow of miracles and mighty harvests from Him!—*RR*

I'm sowing an above-and-beyond seed and believing for an above-and-beyond harvest!

Richard, please join your faith with mine as we believe God together for above-and-beyond miracles... I'm praying that God will bring a great harvest of His provision into this healing ministry. And I'm sowing my seed unto the Lord in faith, believing that I will reap a harvest of miracles from the Lord in the following area(s):

Additional space for prayer requests can be found on the back of this page.

My Personal "ABOVE-AND-BEYOND" Offering Unto the Lord

Richard, I believe God is MY SOURCE to meet all my needs... spiritually, physically, emotionally, financially, on my job, in my relationships...in every area of my life! And because I believe it, I am praying and committing to do all I can to support the Oral Roberts Ministries this year through my prayers and financial support.

Enclosed is my **Above-and-Beyond Seed-Faith Offering** unto the Lord in the amount of:

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Please count this seed-faith gift as a portion of my faith commitment of \$ _____ unto the Lord.

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I am sowing a seed-faith gift of \$100 or more. Please send me your SIX-SERMON DVD set **Now Is the Time...Step Boldly into Everything God Has for You.** [Click here to order online.](#)

I have enclosed a: Check payable to Oral Roberts Ministries Money Order in the amount of my **Above-and-Beyond Offering**
 Please place my **Above-and-Beyond Offering** on my debit/credit card. I have provided the appropriate information on the reverse side.

