



**KINGDOM  
ECONOMICS**

**QUESTIONABLE  
BLESSINGS**

## **II Corinthian 9:6-8, 10-11**

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**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. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.**

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**II. “My wife and I have always lived frugally, given generously, tithed faithfully and saved wisely. Yet, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are now almost completely broke and on the verge of losing everything. I feel completely abandoned by God! Didn’t he promise us that we would “reap what we sow”?”**

**III. “If people should not interpret misfortune as a ‘curse of God,’ as you teach, why should we consider good fortune, including financial wealth, to be a ‘blessing’ of God?”**

## **James 1:17**

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**IV. “How come most American Christians assume we are a ‘blessed’ nation because of our wealth when so much of it was acquired by genocide, slavery, exploitation of poor countries, greed and militarism?”**

## **I Timothy 6:17**

**Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**

**Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.**

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SO IT CAN BE BLESSING  
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