

## A WISE LEADER RECOGNIZES THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

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*“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”* (Galatians 6:7, ESV)

A wise leader understands the Divine order. The Divine order of things applies to the chain of command but also has far-reaching implications. It applies to every aspect of life, personally and professionally. A wise leader lives by the laws of the Divine order and operates his/her organization by them. The law of sowing and reaping is a necessary and essential part of the Divine order of this universe. A wise leader lives and leads submitted to the guidelines of this Divine law. He or she sees that sowing and reaping happen in every aspect of life.

### EXCELLENCE OR EVIL

A seed does not ask its planter for permission to grow and attempt to reproduce itself. It has a Divine instruction within it. As soon as someone plants it, it endeavors to reproduce itself in some way. It does not matter whether it is a good seed, which will produce something to eat or serve some other useful purpose or if it is the seed of a poisonous plant, which may cause considerable harm. It does the same thing, in either case, regardless of type. It reproduces itself. Regardless of the seed or the sower, whatever one sows is reaped in kind.

*<sup>8</sup>Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. <sup>10</sup>Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease. <sup>11</sup>He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend.”* (Proverbs 22:8-11, ESV)

### FAITH OR FOLLY

A wise leader submits to the Divine order. A foolish person transgresses the Divine order. All folly is a transgression of God’s laws. All folly has a Divine instruction within it to reproduce after its kind. The good news for a wise leader is that all wisdom also has a Divine instruction to reproduce after its

kind. Wise motives produce wise words and actions. These words and actions result in a harvest of blessings greater than the yield of injustice. A wise leader acts judiciously and is a conduit for blessing in the lives of those whom he or she serves as a leader. The one that sows justice reaps peace. A foolish leader sows injustice, and regardless of his zeal, reaps calamity.

A wise leader sees the blessings that are ahead. He has a bountiful eye. He shares his blessings with those around him. He operates from the position of faith because he knows he has sown positive seeds that will bring forth a good harvest. Therefore, he faces the future with a positive expectation.



A wise leader speaks words of peace and blessing to others. He does not allow an atmosphere of negativity around him, even if this means he has to separate himself from those who want only to quarrel about things. He knows his organization will reproduce what it sows. Therefore, he squashes the fussing and promotes the constructive.

A wise leader understands the Divine order of sowing and reaping. This leader knows that a man will reproduce what is in his heart. Therefore, he fills his heart and mind with things that are pure, truthful, and excellent. Consequently, this is what flows from his lips also. It causes him to connect with the kind of folks that want good things in their life and community. It causes even the good leaders above him to want him around them. Together they plant positive seeds and reap a harvest of blessing for themselves and all those around them. Amen.

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