

Is all giving a seed for harvest?

Giving should be done in Jesus' name. When one gives even a cup of cold water in the Lord's name, he will be rewarded (Mt 10:42)—God is no man's debtor (Ro 11:35). He owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Ps 50:10).

The manner of giving should be: without show (Mt 6:1–4), according to ability (1 Co 16:1, 2), willingly (1 Chr 29:3–9), liberally (2 Co 9:6–15), cheerfully (9:7) and proportionately (Mal 3:10).¹

The harvest is used figuratively for: seasons of grace (Jer 8:20), judgment (51:33), God's wrath (Re 14:15), gospel opportunities (Mt 9:37, 38), end times (Mt 13:30, 39) and measure of fruitfulness (2 Co 9:6).²

Leaders sow and water spiritual seeds (1 Co 3:5a, 6a, 7a, 8–10); but, the God alone causes the crop to grow (3:5b, 6b, 7b).

¹ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 256). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² Ibid, pp. 274–275.