

HARD KNOCK LIFE

God Is Reliable In Financial Hard Times*



*Based on "A Crop is a Crop" by Bryan Wilkerson. The complete article of the story shared in Part 1 can be found on the Leader website at sov.church/groups/hard-knock-life.

TEXT:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

TOPIC:

Life's spiritual harvest

BIG IDEA:

You harvest as much as you sow in life, and never more.

ICEBREAKER

What necessary task do

you like to do that gives you great satisfaction?

PART 1: IDENTIFY THE ISSUE

Additional or expanded discussion questions:

[Q] What did you learn about the value of material things from observing your parent's financial habits?

[Q] Share a time when you found it was better to give than receive.

PART 2: DISCOVER THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLES

TEACHING POINT ONE: If you give generously, you will reap generously

Additional or expanded discussion question:

[Q] Is the goal of giving generously that we will get more? If so, what do you think you will be given? If not, then what?

TEACHING POINT TWO: Every Christian is to give generously

[Q] Why do you think the average Christian gives 3% of their income instead of Paul's challenge to give a gift greater than 10%?

[Q] Is this instruction true for the poor believer, too? Why or why not?

TEACHING POINT THREE: God generously supplies all of our needs

Additional or expanded discussion questions:

[Q] Paul says "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need." Have you experienced such provision in your own life? Aside from finances and material needs, what do you need from God at this time?

[Q] The goal of God's providence is to be resourced for "every good work." Are you currently using those resources to serve God? If not, how could you use them to serve Him.

PART 3: APPLY YOUR FAITH

Optional closing prayer:

Read the following prayer together:

Joyful Offering Prayer

God of grace,
it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world,
Amen.