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HOW TO CHANGE YOUR FUTURE

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*"Do not be deceived. God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."
Ephesians 6:7 (NKJV)*

Yes, these are hard times. We are all uncertain how the future will unravel when we watch the news and listen to all the multiplicity of voices telling us it's bad, it is better, and it's not good enough. A steady diet of the roller coaster ride of our economic future can have an adverse effect on our mindset. For some it causes a clinching of the fist in sharing our resources. We hold on to tithes and offerings and our interests to help others dwindles as the atmosphere of our world has a selfish fragrance.

The consequences of today are determined by the actions of the past. To change our future, alter your decisions today." – Unknown. This quote directed my mind to the above scripture. If we allow our world to impede us to give and our desire to do good dwindles our future will change adversely. The month of June has been financially awkward and the temptation to postpone my tithes hit me. The feeling was I just didn't have the funds and when things improve then I can give. My usual desire is to share what I have with others and I realized I was not as willing to do that either. The inner feeling was to look out for me first. Deceptive thinking impaired my sight that what is sown will be reaped in the future. If I followed this course of thinking eventually the consequences would be having less to give and share because of closing my heart to God and people. I decided to discard such faulty reasoning. There was no need to set up past actions that could lead to a grim future.

Perhaps you are in that place where giving to God and others seems it will leave you without. Remember, if you sow being selfish and stingy you will reap abundantly more of the same. You can change your future now by deciding to change your reasoning. God always stands by his word and He remains Jehovah-Jireh (God who provides) in these tough times. I did not get any extra funds in the mail and no one put any money in my hands. The shortage remains but the Lord is blessing my lesser amount to cover monthly expenses. I am tithing as I should and helping others as well. Blessing the Lord and people did not take anything away from me. Instead I see that 'less is more' when we sow in faith as God will multiply what we reap.

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