

**(I) UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT OF SOWING RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*“...But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.” Proverbs 11:18*

1. Sowing righteousness may be compared to sowing a seed
2. The seed has symbolic representation
3. The seed can grow into a tree.
  - a) A tree of kindness
  - b) A tree of graciousness
4. The tree would remain after the seed is long gone
5. The tree can perpetuate further with more seeds and trees

**(II) THE CONCEPT OF SOWING RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FOUND BOTH IN THE NEW AND OLD TESTAMENT**

**1. Old Testament Understanding**

*“...But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.” Proverbs 11:18*

- a) Obvious choice and consequence
- b) Strong and deep repercussion

**2. New Testament Understanding**

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” Galatians 6:7*

- a) The origin of principle - God
- b) The need for accountability

**(III) THE CHALLENGE TO BE THE PERSON WHO SOWS RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1. Sowing deeds of righteousness**

- a) Gracious deeds (**Proverbs 11:16**)
- b) Merciful deeds (**Proverbs 11:17**)

## **2. Not being weary in doing good**

*“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9*

## **3. Taking opportunity to do good**

*“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10*

## **(IV) THE SURE REWARDS OF SOWING RIGHTEOUSNESS**

### **1. Joy**

### **2. Goodness**

*“The merciful man does good for his own soul...” Proverbs 11:17*

### **3. Life**

*“As righteousness leads to life...” Proverbs 11:19*

### **4. Reciprocity**

*“...And he who waters will also be watered himself.” Proverbs 11:25*