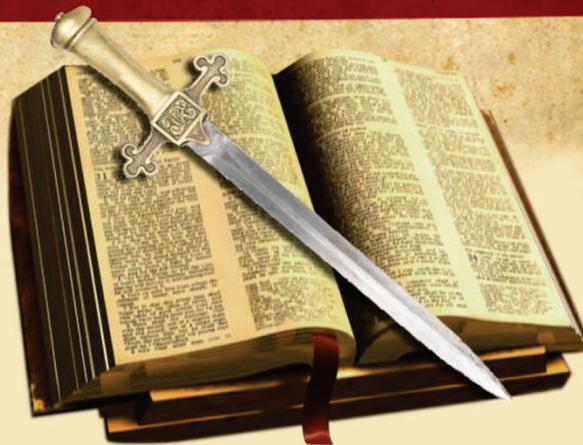


# Setting Your Heart

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## PROVERBS

### *Telling Your Own Future*

*(The Principle of Sowing and Reaping)*

Proverbs 11:17-18; 22:8

Do you ever wish you could know what lies in your future? Most people would. But foolishly, some defile themselves by entering into the forbidden world of psychics, hoping to see into that world yet to come (Lev. 19:26, 31). However, others simply shrug their shoulders saying, "What will be, will be." They believe that the future is a world of chance...so just accept it as it comes. Still others feel helpless and frightened, hoping and praying that bad things won't befall them. ***But for the child of God, the future isn't a mystery...It's a promise! It's not unpredictable...It's as sure as the seeds you sow!***

There's a Divine Law of God flowing through the universe that's even more certain than gravity. It's the Law of Sowing and Reaping. The principle by which it works is as simple as the seed. ***The harvest is determined by the seed that is sown.*** Orange seeds produce oranges and thorn seeds produce thorns. And amazingly, one seed yields hundreds with a potential harvest of thousands of seeds...just like the one that was planted. So it is with your life. You actually determine your own future by the seeds that your character has sown. And remember this, seeds grow at different rates. Some grow rapidly while others may take many years to bring forth fruit.

So, let's take a look at your future...not with a crystal ball but by the principle of sowing and reaping. ***Will you live a long and satisfied life?*** The answer is Yes...***IF*** you've sown honor and obedience toward your parents (Eph. 6:1-3). ***Will you receive kindness and mercy in the years to come?*** Yes...***IF*** you've sown those same seeds in the lives of others (Matt. 5:7). ***Will your children and grandchildren grow up to serve the Lord?*** Your heart can be confident that their future will be permanently shaped by your faith and covenant with God (Deut. 7:9; Prov. 22:6). ***Will you be assured a place in God's Kingdom?*** ***IF*** you trust in Jesus and practice your faith, then it's yours (2 Pet. 1:3-11). ***One final question: What if you've looked into your future and don't like what you see?*** This may be the most important question of all. ***By changing the kinds of seeds you sow, a dreadful future can become glorious (2 Tim. 2:20-21)!***

***Next: The Kingdom of God in Ecclesiastes...Is This All There Is To Life?***

