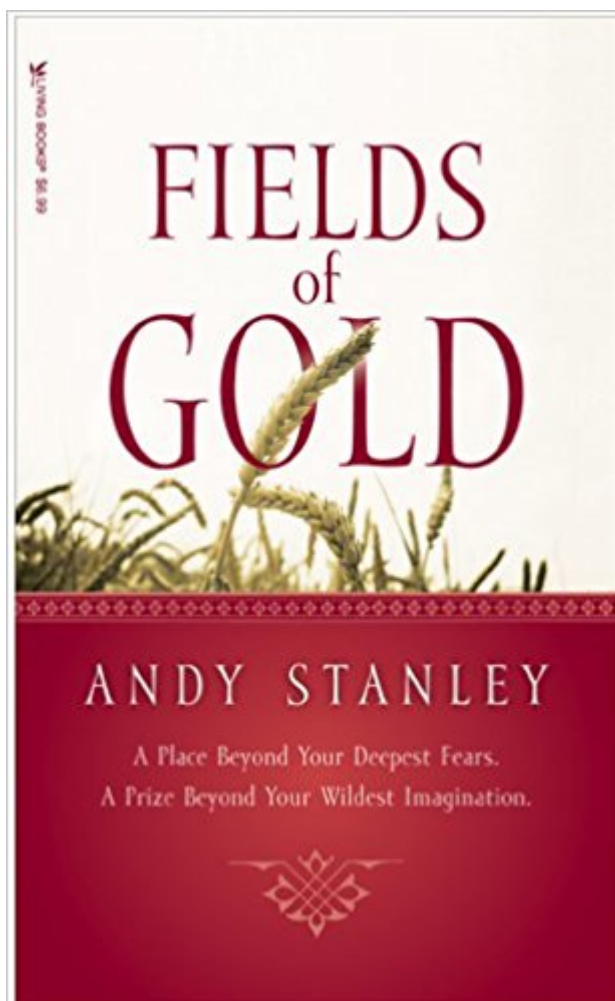


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# Fields Of Gold (Generous Giving)



## Synopsis

A practical and inspirational book based on the principle of sowing and reaping. If we sow fear, what will be our harvest? And conversely, if we sow faith, what will we grow? This book moves the reader beyond fear and guilt about giving and into confidence, security, and excitement. Andy Stanley unpacks our irrational fears about money, helping us to discover that generous giving is actually an invitation for our heavenly Father to get involved in our finances and resupply us with enough seed to sow generously throughout our lifetime.

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What will you do with your handful of seed? God has given each of us the opportunity to partner with him in the greatest work of all: kingdom work. As stewards of his resources, we have a choice. We can sow the seed or we can lock it away out of fear. Even though we know we should give a portion of our income to God, fear often stands in the way of generosity. And when we let it, this fear has the potential to rob us of an intimate relationship with God. Worse yet, fear can cause us to handle our finances in a way that locks him out completely. But when we give God what is rightfully his, we acknowledge his power and greatness, opening ourselves up to limitless joy and peace that comes from trusting him. In *Fields of Gold*, author Andy Stanley shows us that those who sow generously can expect to reap generously and receive a bountiful return. When we open our hands and plant our seed, the rewards are guaranteed: Fields of gold--in this life, as well as the life to

come. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. --From the Inside Flap Perhaps you once dreamed of sowing fertile fields of generosity. But reality has taught you to be more cautious. What if I give away too much? What if there s not enough left for me? What if. . . As Christians, we know that we should give but sometimes it s so hard to take that step of faith and let go when it comes to our finances. Under the growing pressures to make ends meet each month, it s easy to become irrational in our thinking about God, his faithfulness, and our role as stewards of his resources. Author Andy Stanley reminds us that if we truly believe that God is who he says he is we have no reason to fear. Doesn t it make sense to trust the God of the Universe with your finances? Isn t it time to put aside the worry and start living in confidence? Fields of Gold will change the way you think about money and giving. When we truly understand God s power and presence, we can t help but trust him to meet our needs. And once we realize that it really is better to give than to receive, there s no limit to what God will do with our gifts! -- This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. --From the Back Cover --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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One of the highlights of my ministry this year is the development of our stewardship team. Each member of the team has been working their way through a book, and then sharing some of their insights with the rest of the team. I know Andy Stanley to be a great communicator. I have read several of his books on leadership and vision. Nevertheless, as I read through Fields of Gold I was impressed by the book. Stanley makes a clear case for giving to one's church, as well as being generous as a principle. In Fields of Gold, Stanley puts a strong emphasis on sowing and reaping,

but he does not do this in a creepy, televangelist-like way. He tells the story of a farmer in the middle of the dust bowl who is considering whether to put seed in the ground. Fear that he will lose everything grips him. What will he do? From that point Stanley launches into a case for being generous with what the Lord has given us. He addresses many of the fears that govern our lives when it comes to money. He also gives helpful step by step instructions in coming up with a giving plan and living our lives with generosity. For a pastor like me, there are several sermon illustrations in this book, as well as few outlines for teaching on stewardship in a message or a Sunday School class. I urge anyone who is interested in understanding or communicating about the importance of stewardship and generosity to pick up this fine book.

My husband and I hosted a couples class at our house. We did the Staying in Love DVD and so this was a perfect Participant's Guide to go along with it. After the DVD my husband would read questions to the group out of this guide. The book has excellent questions that get the group talking and opening up to one another. I would highly recommend the DVD and Participant Guide.

Our Sunday School class is made up of working parents with small children, so there is limited reading/prep time for any study. This participant guide, in conjunction with the DVD, was perfect for us. While no reading was required, short Bible passages were suggested each week which felt very realistic. Fabulous if couples could attend all 4 sessions, but each session was also able to stand alone, thus allowing people to feel engaged, even if they were new to the series. Best of all, the participant guide questions spurred good discussion and provided practical application for the coming week. The speaker, Andy Stanley, is personable, funny, and witty while exploring significant issues in modern marriage. We are now big fans and will be doing another one of his studies later this year. This is high praise for a class that rarely repeats authors.

Maybe you're a reluctant philanthropist. But I'd like to encourage you with this thought: Just beyond the fear that is dampening your generosity awaits a harvest of joy. Past the foreboding peaks and lifeless valleys in your financial landscape are gentle, rolling fields of gold for those who will simply make the journey. Stanley

Generosity is not often spoken about in churches but it is a biblical concept that has to be addressed. It is addressed here in Fields of God and it is a job well done. Great resource for churches and individuals wanting to learn more about the use of money in biblical view.

If you hate being honest with yourself, you will hate this book. It asks some tough questions regarding past and present decisions. It is helping me make some tough decisions that I keep running from. Thanks for the help Andy! I LOVE his humor and his voice as well.

This is a short and easy to read book that inspires joyful giving. It includes practical stewardship strategies as well as grace-filled stories. The focus is on personal finances and would impact any faith community or charitable organization.

Even after 10 years on the market it's a refreshing read. I'd encourage anyone needing to be refreshed in their purpose for giving to read this short book. I used the audio version while working in my yard.

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