

The Big Potatoes

According to an oriental legend, some farmers decided they should keep only their small potatoes for seed. That way, they could enjoy the large ones for their meals.

So that's what they did. They ate the big ones and planted the little ones.

As the years passed, the practice was continued. But eventually the farmers began to notice something unusual at harvest time. Although the small seed potatoes produced a crop, the new potatoes were gradually reduced to the size of marbles.

These farmers had learned a costly lesson. They could not expect to grow a crop of large potatoes if they ate the best ones and used the small leftovers for seed.

In the field of service, the generosity or stinginess of our planting will be revealed in the kind of yield we receive at harvest time. Let's think about how this affects the use of money, the skills and the talents God has given us. If we invest only a little of ourselves in using these gifts and keep the rest for selfish reasons, our fruitfulness as believers will be meager at best.

Let's be sure we are "planting the big potatoes."

Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly ... for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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