

Seedtime and Harvest

Opening joke - "I wanted to make sure the driveway was ready for him!"

Genesis 8:22, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

- Seedtime and harvest is a fundamental, eternal spiritual principal.

Note - It is inescapable - as certain as day and night, summer and winter, etc.

Galatians 6:7, Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.

Note - Even other religions and common sense recognizes this concept: Hindu's Karma and your brother-in-law's "What goes around

comes around.” It is law officiated by God.

- The most important form of seedtime and harvest is spiritual.

Galatians 6:8, Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Example - Sow gossip - reap severed relationships.

Sow lies - reap distrust.

Sow kindness - reap friendship.

Sow prayer - reap provision.

Note - Everything we do should be determined by the law of seedtime and harvest.

- All time is seedtime.

Revelation 20:12, I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the

dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.

Note - We are sowing, even when we do nothing.

Don't allow your harvest to be hit-and-miss!

- How much we sow determines how much we reap.

2 Corinthians 9:6, Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Note - The quantity of what we have sown is not determined by how much is sown but by how much we have to sow.

The context here is financial.

Mark 12:41-44, Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins,

worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on."

Note - The more we sow to the Spirit the greater our spiritual harvest will be!

Example - Sowing how I served my leaders.

The farmer who shared his seed with his neighbors. The farmer replied, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."