

Seedtime and Harvest

Pt. 2 - God's Harvest

Opening story - Working in the melon field

John 4:35, "You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest. 'But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest."

- The most significant harvest is a harvest of souls.

Note - We can be the answer to the only prayer request Jesus made.

Matthew 9:36-38, When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Note - Many believers are living disgracefully as it relates to harvest. Wake up!

Proverbs 10:5, A sensible person gathers the crops when they are ready; it is a disgrace to sleep through the time of harvest.

How to Participate in the Harvest

1. Acknowledge that the harvest is the main reason we are here.

John 17:16, 18 They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 18, Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.

2. Sow the Word of God in people's hearts.

Luke 8:11, 15, The seed is God's word. 15 Those seeds that fell on good ground are the people who listen to the message and keep it in good and honest hearts. They last and produce a harvest.

Note - Share what you know and learn more!

3. Sow yourself as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:8, We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

Note - Taking a relational approach to the harvest provides us with influence.

- Today the harvest is salvation. The future harvest will be one of judgement.

Revelation 14:15, Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, "Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe."

Note - God's harvest separates the wheat from the chaff.

Matthew 13:30, "Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the

weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.”

Example - That day I was your savior, today I'm your judge.