



Pluck the Harvest

In this Green Thumb series we've discussed how to Prepare the Soil of your heart, Plant the Right Seeds and how to Protect what's planted. Today is what we've waited for, how to Pluck the Harvest!

Prepare (soil)–Plant (seed)–Protect (weed & water)–Pluck (harvest)

The Harvest God's Reward, for Following God's Plan

It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And **both will be rewarded for their own hard work.** The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. 1 Corinthians 3:7-8

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

We are only following God's plan if we DO it!

Many say they love God and follow Him but don't put in the work to get a harvest! God expects growth in my life and in my church.

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields. Matthew 9:38

This is your Next Step today but remember, when the Disciples prayed, Jesus sent them.

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will **reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.**

Galatians 6:9

Sometimes it just not quitting! The Harvest of blessing is coming.

The Harvest is Messy

Without oxen a stable stays clean, but you need a strong ox for a large harvest. Proverbs 14:4

Isolating yourself, you can keep a clean stable.

Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest. Proverbs 20:4

Plowing, Planting, and Tending the seed leads to a good harvest.

Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into His glory. John 12:23

Do you want the Glory?! Here's how:

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. John 12:24

Death to self is required for harvest.

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. John 12:25

Harvest is messy. Lord send harvest!

The Harvest is **Multiplied**

Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field.³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

Matthew 13:31-32

We get so much more than what we put in!

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. Luke 6:38

Press down, shaken together & running over is like a grain bucket.

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider **the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen.** You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:7-8

Life isn’t always easy but God isn’t done with you yet.

The Harvest is the **END**

The harvest is the fulfillment of Preparing, Planting, Protecting

Wheat & Tares – Matthew 13:24-29

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.”

Mathew 13:24-26 (NKJ)

We don’t understand why God let’s the bad, grow.

‘An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. ‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. ²⁹ ‘No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do.’ Mathew 13:28-29

I said, ‘**Plant the good seeds of righteousness**, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that He may come and **shower righteousness upon you.**’ Hosea 10:12

Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. **You will always harvest what you plant.** ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit **will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.** Galatians 6:7-8

We will harvest the righteous or sinful seeds we plant.

My Next Steps:

- Pray to the Lord of the Harvest Today
- Plant Seeds of Generosity Today

Tithes & Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then He will fill your barns with grain with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Abel gave God his first and his best and it was accepted. Cain gave some, not his best and not his first part, and it was rejected. Are you giving God your best?

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