

A Ready Harvest

John 4:35-38

1. _____ the True Harvest

Do not look to any earthly reaping as the measure of the true harvest for the Lord. And do not put off to the future that which must be labored on today. For this is the hour of life that God has given us to work in His harvest field.

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ~ Matthew 4:18-19

2. _____ the Eternal Wages

The gift of salvation comes to all who will believe on the Lord Jesus. However, the rewards of service are accumulated through the effort of each believer. And Christ will recompense all who have served Him in faithfulness.

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. \sim Galatians 6:8

3. _____ the Early Work

All believers stand upon the road of those who have gone before. Paved by the Prophets and Apostles through Christ Jesus our Lord, we labor in conjunction with the work already done.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. ~ Hebrews 12:1

Matthew 13:30

"Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."



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Additional Scripture References

(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Romans 4:4

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

Ephesians 2:20

...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Revelation 22:12

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done."

John 17:20

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word."

2 Timothy 2:2

...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.