

DO NOT GIVE UP

There is deeper still to go.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

- 1. You cannot reap what you do not sow.*
- 2. You cannot reap where you do not sow.*
- 3. If you do not sow you, you will not reap.*
- 4. You will reap what you sow, where you sow it.*

Some places where you need to sow, in order to reap, and people who did this as an example.

1. A BRAVER FAITH

Genesis 12:1-4 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Abraham:

- A pagan
- God called
- He chose to trust God

Two Seeds:

- Trust God's promises
- Take bold steps

2. AN EAGERNESS TO KNOW GOD

Acts 17:10-12 10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these

Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed...

The Bereans – commended for their eagerness to receive the Word and for diligently searching the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul said was true.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

11% of Americans, 32% protestant Christians read the bible daily.

Seed –

If you want to develop a deeper relationship with God, you've got to spend time in His word.

3. EMBRACE GOD'S PLAN

Luke 1:26-30; 34-35 26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. You're out here trying to figure this out. It is the favor of God. I'm too favored to be afraid. The Holy Spirit is on me so I have the power I need.

Seed –

Luke 1:37-38 37 "For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.