## Blessing Harvest in the Fall Discover Church Mark Phillips 3/10/2024

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## Blessing: Harvest in the Fall

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

*"Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing." Proverbs* 20:14

# How To Handle Harvest Time

#### 1. Celebrate the harvest

"Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me. "Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt. "No one is to appear before me empty-handed. "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. "Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field." Exodus 23:14-16

#### Celebrate

- Remain Thankful
- Give Praise to God
- 2. Harvest when the crop is ready

"As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Mark 4:29

#### 3. *Discipline* produces a harvest of *righteousness*

"They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees." Hebrews 12:10-12

#### 4. Don't stop planting and harvesting

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:9-10

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

### 5. Use your harvest wisely

"When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands." Deuteronomy 24:19

"As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:9-11

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