

1. We sow and reap in kind.
2. We reap in a different season than the one in which we sow.
3. We normally reap more than we sow.
4. We must let go of past harvests and focus on sowing for the future.

Everybody, sooner or later, sits down to a banquet of consequences.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

I didn't grow up sheltered from the world in a quaint Christian home where the importance of walking in purity was talked about. I was introduced to sexual things before I even hit puberty and this sent me down a path of promiscuity—one I walked until the Lord graciously saved me at 21. In a moment, I was changed. I once was dead in my sin (not just sexual sin, but selfishness, envy, anger, unbelief), but God made me alive by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:1-9). If you are a woman who walked a similar path as me in your past, I want you to know that God can redeem these things. People might make you feel like you're a lost cause or can't have a healthy marriage because of your past. ... But what they are missing is the power of redemption. I feel sorry for them. God can pluck people out of their dark pit of [sin], give them eyes to see, grant repentance, and heal what is broken in them. He has done this time and time again. ... [I am] a sister bought by the very same blood that bought [others] back from their own idolatry. When the Lord said he made us white as snow, he really meant it.

-Brittany Allen

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'?

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Even now the one who reaps draws a wage

and harvests a crop for eternal life,

so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true (John 4:35-37).

- Living in a damaged, fallen world has its own consequences.
- Jesus has taken the spiritual consequences of sin on himself.