

Family Farm

Pt.2 – Planting the Right Stuff

Gal. 6:7 “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Good intentions don't produce a harvest.

“I wishes” are unplanted seeds.

Seeds I Should Plant in My Family:

Affection - the outward expression of love.

Affirmation – positive encouraging words

1 Thess. 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

People return to the place that makes them feel affirmed

Forgiveness

Neh. 9:17 “...you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of unfailing love and mercy.”

If I don't forgive, fear will rule my home.

Prayer

Generosity

2 Cor. 9:6 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

Time

Principle: I am not the only one planting seeds in my family.

I want the right people, planting right seeds, for the same harvest.

1 Cor. 3:5 “What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe - as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will

be rewarded according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."