

Sowing and Reaping

I. Acknowledge God as the _____ of seed and harvest.

2 Corinthians 9:10-13 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹²So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. ¹³As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

Genesis 8:20-22 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose. ²¹And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. I will never again destroy all living things. ²²As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day, and night.

II. _____ the _____ of the harvest which states:

A. You _____ what you sow.

Galatians 6:7-9 Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Jeremiah 12:13 “My people have planted wheat but are harvesting thorns. They have worn themselves out, but it has done them no good. They will harvest a crop of shame because of the fierce anger of the Lord.”

Proverbs 20:4 Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest.

B. You reap what _____ .

Matthew 13:24-26 Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. ²⁶When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

III. Seed produces after its _____ .

A. Good seed produces _____ harvests.

Hosea 10:12 “I said, ‘Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.’”

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. ¹⁸And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

1. God _____ good seed.

Isaiah 30:22-24 Then you will destroy all your silver idols and your precious gold images. You will throw them out like filthy rags, saying to them, “Good riddance!” ²³Then the Lord will bless you with rain at planting time. There will be wonderful harvests and plenty of pastureland for your livestock. ²⁴The oxen and donkeys that till the ground will eat good grain; its chaff blown away by the wind.

2. You reap _____ you sow.

Genesis 26:12 When Isaac planted his crops that year, he harvested a hundred times more grain than he planted, for the Lord blessed him.

3. You cannot _____ last year's harvest.

Philippians 3:13b-14a I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize . . .

B. Bad seed produces _____ harvests.

James 3:16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

See Proverbs 11:18 Evil people get rich for the moment, but the reward of the godly will last.

Proverbs 22:8a Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will come to an end.

Job 4:8 My experience shows that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same.

Hosea 8:7 (Message) Look at them! Planting wind-seeds, they'll harvest tornadoes. Wheat with no head produces no flour. And even if it did, strangers would gulp it down.

IV. How to Reverse the Curse of Bad Seed.

A. _____ and _____

Proverbs 28:13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

Psalms 128:5-6 Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. ⁶They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

B. Implement the _____ law: The law of _____
- as expressed through _____

Luke 6:37-39 Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back

Psalms 107:34-38 He turns the fruitful land into salty wastelands, because of the wickedness of those who live there. ³⁵But he also turns deserts into pools of water, the dry land into springs of water. ³⁶He brings the hungry to settle there and to build their cities. ³⁷They sow their fields, plant their vineyards, and harvest their bumper crops. ³⁸How he blesses them! They raise large families there, and their herds of livestock increase.

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