



THE POWER OF *Sowing & Reaping*

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There are principles in God's Word that never change. Kingdoms rise and fall, cultures shift, and generations come and go, but God's laws remain constant. One of those eternal principles is the law of sowing and reaping. Whether we are talking about our words, our choices, our finances, our relationships, or our walk with God, every seed we sow produces a harvest. The question is not if we will reap, but what we will reap. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will challenge us to sow intentionally and patiently believe Him for the harvest He has promised in His Word.

The law of sowing and reaping is God's unchanging principle that governs both the natural and the spiritual realms. Every seed produces after its own kind. When we sow to the flesh, we reap corruption; when we sow to the Spirit, we reap life and God's blessing. If we faithfully continue sowing what is right, we will reap God's appointed harvest in due season (Galatians 6:7-9; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11) —Pastor Jack

THE FIVE STEPS OF SOWING AND REAPING

God set certain unchanging laws into motion, the law of seed-time and harvest is one of those laws. Genesis 8:22 *While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.* (Genesis 1:11-13)

1. **We reap what we sow.**

- Galatians 6:7-9 *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

2. **We reap in like kind.**

- Genesis 1:11-13 *Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth...*

3. **We reap according to our sowing.**

- 2 Corinthians 9:6 *But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

4. **We reap in a different season.**

- Genesis 50:19-21 *Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.*

5. **We reap in multiples.**

- Although Luke 6 refers to judging and forgiving others, it can be extended to this principle as well. Luke 6:37-38 *Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.*
- Proverbs 11:24-25 *One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*
- 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 *...and (He) will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

CONDITIONS FOR A HARVEST

1. **Seed must be planted.** Closely associated is the principle of the "death of a vision."

- John 12:24 *Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*

2. **Don't look at external conditions, trust God's Word to you.** This is one of the strongest Old Testament illustrations of sowing in faith during difficult circumstances.

- Genesis 26:1-2, 12-14 *There was a famine in the land,... Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.*

3. **The condition of the soil determines the harvest.** The parable of the four soils.

- Matthew 13:18-23 *...But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

4. **Understanding God's character determines how we sow.**

- Matthew 25:14-30 *...Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest...*

5. **We must sow with expectation.** Sowing is always attached to faith.
- Ecclesiastes 11:1 *Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.* (Matthew 21:21-22)

WAYS WE CAN SOW IN FAITH AND EXPECT A HARVEST

1. Live your life with a heart of surrender to Him.
2. Uplifting and encouraging words.
3. Giving our time and resources selflessly for God's purposes. This includes prayer, finances and faithful church attendance.
4. Mentoring a young believer in Christ.
5. Being a faithful and dependable employee.
6. Name other ways we can sow...

PRAYER

*LORD, thank You that Your Word never changes.
What You did for Your people in the Bible, You are still doing today!
Impart the principle of sowing and reaping deep in our hearts, and let it shape our thoughts,
our words, and our actions. Lead us to good soil in which to sow,
and fill us with patient expectation as we trust You for the harvest
You have promised according to Your Word.*