"While the earth remains, ***seedtime and harvest,*** *cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night* ***shall not cease.****"*
Genesis 8:22

The Power of the Law of Sowing and Reaping

When God created the first living thing, He gave it the ability to grow and multiply. **How? Through the principle of sowing and reaping.** Life begins by this principle, **and everything in our life has operated by this same principle.** Harvest springs from the good or bad seeds you have sown, whether or not you were consciously aware of your seed-planting.

To overcome life's problems and reach your potential in every aspect of your entire being, **determine to follow God's law of seedtime and harvest.**

1. We Can Only Reap What Has Been Sown

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. *For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.* Galatians 6:7-8

This scripture shows the principle of the law of the harvest; Whatever we sow, we reap; so that, if we sow good, we will reap good, if we sow bad we reap bad.

He makes clear the we are not to be deceived, and that that God will not be mocked, this law of sowing and reaping is a _____.

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Our Whole Life is Shaped By Those Who Have Sown for Us

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. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."*** John 4:35-38

Core Point: From the beginning, God has established the law of seedtime and harvest. When we understand how this works for our benefit, we find we will see God's law of the harvest accomplish all of God's best for our lives!

Not only are we blessed because of what God has done for us, we are also blessed by what others have done. Others have labored and we have entered into the blessings of their labors.

The law of sowing and reaping has a positive and a negative side. We not only enter into the blessings God has provided, but we also reap the results of the good and the wrong others have sown both before us and around us.

The way to overcome the negative is to sow the positive.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom.12:21

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ***But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.*** *The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.* Psalm 1:1-6

2. We Reap the Same Kind As We Sow

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures ***after their kind****: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth* ***after their kind****"; and it was so.* Genesis 1:24

This is obviously true biologically, but it is also true _____ and in many other ways.

This is why we see the power released in sowing good, we also reap back "in the same kind" what we have sown.

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, ***That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater****,* ***So shall My word be*** *that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void,* ***But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.****"* Isaiah 55:10–11

The role of grace is seen in the fact that Jesus came and sowed the seeds of salvation, righteousness and restoration back in the human race by His redemptive work **for us once and for all**!

He is the head of the body, which is the church. He is the beginning of everything else. And He is the first among all who will be raised from death. So in everything He is most important. Col. 1:18 (ERV)

Core Statement: I recognize the incredible power of sowing and reaping! I will apply the wisdom of living according to the laws of the harvest! I will reap God's best for all He has planned for my life!