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

Understanding the Laws of the Harvest

Everything God does begins with a seed. He put life in a seed and establishes the process of growth and multiplication. **This works by the law of sowing and reaping.** Life begins by this principle, **and everything in our life operates 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.

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.

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

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

3. We Reap in a Different Season than We Plant

We are accustomed to immediate gratification, and are too often unwilling to wait for the results of God's harvest for us. **It is so important to wait on the Lord and _____.**

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. ***Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. You too be patient.*** James 5:7-8

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!

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope.
Psalm 130:5

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Learn to wait patiently on the Lord, who will _____ your labor with His harvest for your life.

4. We Reap More Than We Sow - The Law of Increase

The harvest is always much greater than the seed planted.

Reaping more than we sow is fundamental to the laws of the harvest, it is true for nearly every aspect of life: for the physical and the spiritual, for believers and unbelievers alike. **1 Cor. 3:6-7**

5. We Reap In Proportion to How We Sow

Now this I say, ***he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.*** 2 Corinthians 9:6

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. ***For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.*** Luke 6:38

There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. ***The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.***
Proverbs 11:24-25

6. We Reap the Harvest with Diligence and Perseverance

Anyone who has ever planted a garden knows that it cannot be planted and then forgotten. A garden requires continuous labor and care in order to reap the harvest. **Mark 4:14-20**

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, ***that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*** Romans 15:4

Somehow we think if we do things right, results should come easily. Even the Son of man who sowed the good seed had an enemy come along behind and sow tares. (Matt. 13:24-30; 36-43)

7. Forget Missed Seasons - Sow for this Season

We must commit ourselves to this year's harvest and learn from the missed harvests of the past.

One thing I do, ***forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead****, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:13-14

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