

THE TIME OF HARVEST

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Grace and peace,

I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus. First, I would like to thank you for your partnership in the gospel. We here at Destiny Christian Center have you always in our prayers, giving thanks for you. We are believing for God's best in your life on a daily basis. Just know that you will always have someone praying for you and standing with you.

Have you ever sown a seed? Financial, talent, ability, word, or any other thing that would be considered a seed? Have you ever reaped a harvest on that seed? Did you know that the Kingdom of God functions on a seed and that all kingdom seeds produce a harvest? Let's take a look at these verses in Mark 4:26-28.

And he said, <u>So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the</u> <u>ground;</u> And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

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The Kingdom of God is as simple as someone planting a garden. Now these are basic spiritual laws; however, they implore so much more. This basic but dominant system is designed to produce absolutely every time. Faith must be developed in this area as well as proper training for it to become the effective tool that Heaven has designed it to be. As those aforementioned verses declare, after an individual has sown seed, even without understanding how the ground germinates it, they go and rest. While resting, the earth brings forth fruit of herself. Once the earth has done its job, it then relinquishes its duties and leaves the rest to the individual to harvest.

This harvesting time is a *pivotal* time. This is where many believers enter into a battle for their minds. A battle to distract and corrupt so that the harvest dies on the stalk or on the vine. If a farmer waits too long to harvest, those seeds may fall to the ground or go bad. This renders the farmer without a crop. Without a crop, he or she cannot trade the crop for better equipment or the financial resources necessary for life.

Now what does this have to do with you and me? We all are accountable to the Lord and are to grow to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Correct? According to Ephesians 4:11-12, we are to be developed and matured by spiritual authority so that that individual can carry out the work of the ministry, to edify the body of Christ. This is done by men and women, who have been called and anointed by God to bring doctrine, reproof, correction and, instruction in righteousness for the purpose of the individual being fully equipped and ready for every good work according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

If you desire to manifest the Kingdom in your life, then you *must* allow the leaders that the Lord has given you to do their job. You *must* study the word that God has given them to give to you. Whether you sit in the congregation, class, or any other media form that God has anointed your leaders for. The word ministered to you would be considered *seed*. If we go back to the beginning of this exhortation, the scripture referenced deals with seed and harvest. Without word seed, there is no harvest. Why? There was nothing planted. You cannot get a harvest where nothing was planted. If you allow the word sown in your heart as Jesus declared in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8, then you would reap 30, 60, or 100-fold. If not, then no harvest.

However, this word sown, needs to be planted properly. This letter is to help you in planting the word of God properly in your heart so as to reap a harvest consistently. When this aspect of sowing and reaping is ignored, I have watched many believers not enjoy the fruit that God has ordained for them to have.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:6-9.

In these verses, the disciple is encouraged to communicate with the teacher or preacher. Now what does the word communicate mean here? The word communicate is translated as: communicating to the necessities. Each believer is to find out from the Lord their part in meeting the needs of their ministry leader who regularly ministers the gospel to them and then willingly (not by compulsion or grudgingly) administer that which the Lord has revealed is their part to share or sow into their ministry gift (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor or Teacher).

When this rule of the Kingdom of God is applied correctly and consistently, it sows the word of God into the heart of the hearer. As that word is meditated upon over and over, it will bring forth the blade, the ear, and the full corn in the ear.

Now this exposition is for two different people. For those of you who have been applying this spiritual law, IT IS HARVEST TIME! For those who haven't, this is the time to start, and then prepare yourself for harvest time.

The Lord desires no one to miss the bounty that has been established for them from before the foundation of the world. Before we go, let's take a quick look at this law represented in the life of our Lord Jesus.

And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. Luke 8:3.

What did many people who heard and received from the Lord do? They communicated with Him. They sowed into Him. They planted the word in them. These were some of the people who were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These are they who were used mightily of the Lord. These are they who finished their course.

Praise God. Faith cometh by hearing, so do your best to review this over and over until the light of God shows up in your heart on this subject matter.

My wife and I love you and are praying for you.

Shalom Shalom.

Apostle George Harrison