

Planting & Harvesting

Scripture Text: Gal. 6:7-9

Our theme this week is Spiritual Cultivation. We've been discussing the idea of planting the seed (Word of God) and watching it grow.

When looking at terms, it is best to define our words:

- Plant (verb) – place [a seed] in the ground so that it can grow; place or fix in a specific position
- Harvest (verb) – gather [a crop] as a harvest

Using these two terms to look at something in the Bible is a great way to learn. Why? We are all familiar with the idea of planting and harvesting. I know this because almost every empty field around us is filled with different crops that are nearing the time of the harvest.

Let us look more into the Biblical teaching of planting and harvesting.

1. Be Not Deceived – V. 7

a. God knows all.

- i. Omniscient literally means that God is “all knowing.” (omni – all; scient – knowledge).
- ii. Acts 15:8
 1. God knew their hearts.
 2. He knows our today.
- iii. Mark 2:8
 1. Jesus knew the intentions of the people before they even spoke.
 2. Imagine how the people felt.
- iv. John 4:15-19
 1. Woman at the Well: Jesus posed a simple question.
 2. He knew the answer before she even responded.

b. People try to mock God today.

- i. Lying to Him.
 1. Lying is a sin.
 2. Lying is not something that a Christian should be a part of.
- ii. Hypocrites
 1. An actor; saying one thing and doing another.
 2. Jesus addressed the Pharisees as “Hypocrites” at least 14 times.
 3. This is serious business!

2. You Get What You Sow – V. 8

a. Flesh

- i. Physical side.
- ii. Take your left hand and place it on top of your right hand. Flesh.
- iii. Gal. 5:19-21
 1. Works of the Flesh
 2. “And such like.”

3. "Shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."
 - b. Spiritual
 - i. This is the side that will continue on in eternity.
 - ii. "Where the Soul of Man Never Dies."
 - iii. Gal. 5:22-23
 1. Fruit of the Spirit.
 2. "Against such there is no law."
 - c. Gal. 5:24-26
 - d. Two Wolves Story
 - i. A grandfather is talking with his grandson and he says there are two wolves inside of us which are always at war with each other.
 - ii. One of them is a good wolf which represents things like kindness, bravery and love. The other is a bad wolf, which represents things like greed, hatred and fear.
 - iii. The grandson stops and thinks about it for a second then he looks up at his grandfather and says, "Grandfather, which one wins?"
 - iv. The grandfather quietly replies, the one you feed.
 - e. Which wolf do you want in your life?
3. Don't Grow Weary – V. 9
 - a. "Send the Light"
 - i. "Let us not grow weary in the work of love."
 - ii. "Heaven will surely be worth it all!"
 - b. Don't get tired and give up!!!
 - i. Sir Winston Churchill: "Never give up. Never give up. Never give up."
 - ii. Matthew 14:23
 1. Jesus Christ even got tired from time to time – He was HUMAN!
 2. He never gave up!!!
 - c. II Thess. 3:13
 - i. If you're doing good, don't become weary.
 - ii. Don't be working for self-gratification!
 - d. Keep going!
 - i. "Keep on the Sunny Side"
 - ii. Col. 3:2
 1. Be looking for the goal, not the starting line.
 2. Blinders on race horses to keep them focused.

What are you sowing?

Are you going to be happy with the results?

Quote that hangs in mom's classroom: "Don't be upset by the results you didn't get with the work you didn't do." (REPEAT QUOTE).

The Ant and the Grasshopper

In a field one summer's day a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. An Ant passed by, bearing along with great toil an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the Grasshopper, "instead of toiling and moiling in that way?"

"I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the Ant, "and recommend you to do the same."

"Why bother about winter?" said the Grasshopper; "we have got plenty of food at present." But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil. When the winter came the Grasshopper had no food, and found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer. Then the Grasshopper knew:

"IT IS BEST TO PREPARE FOR THE DAYS OF NECESSITY."

What are you sowing? What will you reap?

Why not reap the benefits of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross?

Hear – RM 10:17

Believe – JN 8:24

Repent – LK 13:3, 5

Confess – MT 10:32-33

Be Baptized – AC 22:16

Remain Faithful – RV 2:10

If we can help in any way, please come as we stand and sing.

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