

To Expect A Harvest, You Must First Plant!

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Spring has sprung, and life on earth has awakened from its winter sleep. Trees have leaves, the grass has turned green, and the life-giving rains have watered the earth abundantly. How beautiful! *“Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness”* (Acts 14:17). God reminds us in the life of nature that He is.

There will be a time of harvest in the physical world. God has assured us of that. *“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease”* (Gen. 8:22). So this fall there will be a harvest . . . **for those who plant!**

Solomon wrote: *“Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger. He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is careless of his ways will die”* (Prov. 19:15-16). Now you see the application because Solomon gave it to you. How many people fail to “plant” the right things in life? And they fall into a rut (“*deep sleep*”), while away their lives and lose their souls!

So plant your life this Spring! While you’re planting flowers, vegetables, and grass . . . plant love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit”* (Gal. 5:25). When you do this, you have not wasted your life nor your time. You will reap a bountiful harvest in the Lord!

Study your Bibles diligently to learn what true love, joy and peace are. Don’t become slothful in life. It will lead to ruin. Learn to live life abundantly and enjoy today and eternity (2 Tim. 1:10).

“Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the LORD, till He comes and rains righteousness on you” (Hosea 10:12).

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