

# SOWING WHAT YOU WANT TO HARVEST

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 11:1  
Galatians 6:7-8

**Ecclesiastes 11:1 NKJV** Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.

**Galatians 6:7-8 NKJV** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. {8} For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

## Introduction

The text in Ecclesiastes has often been used as a basis for messages on giving. This is not the case today. Today we want to address the issue of planning your harvest.

### I. What are you harvesting right now?

**Exodus 34:7b NKJV** visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

- A. Are you harvesting from life patterns passed on from your family?
- B. Are you harvesting from a lifestyle that is continually damaging you?
- C. Are you harvesting what you want to harvest?

### II. What have you been sowing?

**Matthew 13:27-28 NKJV** "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

- A. Are there tares in your life?
  - 1. Dysfunction
  - 2. Consequences of past sin
- B. Who sowed the tares?
  - 1. Have you allowed enemies into your life?
  - 2. Are you your own worst enemy?
- C. What are you going to do about your harvest?
  - 1. The issue here is personal responsibility
  - 2. Are you ready to stop playing the victim?

### III. What do you want to harvest?

**Ecclesiastes 11:1 NKJV** Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.

**2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV** For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now <is> the accepted time; behold, now <is> the day of salvation.

- A. Do you have ambitions for change?
- B. Do you know what you want to harvest?
  - 1. In your spiritual life
  - 2. In your relationships
  - 3. In your children
  - 4. In your finances
  - 5. In your personal success

**IV. How to plan your harvest**

**Exodus 33:14-19 NKJV** And He said, "My Presence will go <with you>, and I will give you rest." {15} Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go <with us>, do not bring us up from here. {16} "For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who <are> upon the face of the earth." {17} So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." {18} And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." {19} Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

**Romans 13:14 NKJV** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to <fulfill its> lusts.

**2 Corinthians 9:10 NIV** Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

**Hebrews 12:1 NKJV** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares <us>, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

- A. Take responsibility for what you are harvesting right now
- B. Repent for your past sins
- C. Ask God to stay with in all your life

**Exodus 33:15 NKJV** Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go <with us>, do not bring us up from here.

- D. Ask God to receive glory from your life
- E. Live a life of obedience