

## Sowing and Reaping

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” Galatians 6:7*

“What goes around comes around.” This is the world’s version of the Word’s natural and spiritual law of sowing and reaping.

It’s an inescapable fact of life: **WE REAP WHAT WE SOW**. God set it up that way. And our Creator is not mocked (Webster: “to treat with contempt or ridicule, defy, or challenge”) by His creation.

Man may complain about his state of affairs, and even blame the Almighty, but when push comes to shove, we reap what we sow. *What we harvest is the direct result of what seed we have planted.*

Paul illustrates the kingdom principle of sowing and reaping in verse 8. The picture he paints is profoundly simple and clear. If we sow to our flesh (carnal seed), we reap corruption. Corruption flows from the flesh. But if we sow to the Spirit (spiritual seed) we reap life that lasts forever! Eternal life flows from the Spirit.

Talk about diametrically diverse harvests. Corruption and eternal life are as opposite as the North and South poles. Which harvest we reap is up to us. We reap the consequences of what seed we choose to sow.

God is good and gracious in giving us this spiritual law. Sowing and reaping provides a rock solid guideline for Christian conduct. And what’s awesome, glory to God, is this life-altering truth. If we desire so, we can actually change what we reap. How? By changing what seed we sow.

I minister to precious, hurting people all the time. Some are so broken and despairing about their current circumstances. When they tell me through the tears that they want to change and live differently, I respond: Good. With God’s help you can. Here’s how.

**If you desire a different outcome (harvest), sow different seed!** If you have been unhealthy and want to be healthy, stop sowing unhealthy habits, and start sowing healthy ones. If you don’t want to be angry all the time and are tired of people being mad at you, stop planting seeds of anger. If you desire to be loved, sow love seeds, and you will reap love from those who you love. **WE REAP WHAT WE SOW. SO SOW WHAT YOU WANT TO REAP.**

Sow better seed if you want a better harvest.

## **How To Start Having A Better Harvest.**

**1. EVALUATE the harvest you are growing.** Take a hard, honest look at your current crop. Do you like what you see? Are you content with the crop you are harvesting? Is this the harvest you want to continue reaping? Or do you desire a better crop in your life's barns? Business as usual won't produce a better harvest. Think about it.

**2. EXAMINE the seed you re sowing.** Name the seed you are sowing in life. Identify both good and bad seed. Separate seed into good and bad bags. What kind of seed is it? What kind of product is it producing? Which bag of seed do you need to reap what you really want to sow?

**3. ELIMINATE the bad seed.** Find the bad seed bag and dump it out. That's right. Bag it and dump it, dig a hole and bury it, or burn it. Treat bad seed like a weed. Do whatever you need to do to remove the bad seed from your reach. Decide each and every day to refuse to sow bad seed. Bad seed can't grow if you don't sow!

**4. EXCHANGE good seed for bad seed.** Replace seed you don't like with seed you do like. If you don't want oranges, but you do want apples, plant apple seeds. It's that simple. You reap what you sow, so make changes, and sow what you want to grow.

**5. EXPECT a better harvest.** Trust God that His word is true to you. You can change your harvest by changing your seed. Believe it. Begin to receive it by faith. Walk out the sowing and reaping principle everyday and expect a brand new crop.

God wants you to reap the right kind of harvest. It's called the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25). Spiritual fruit comes from sowing to the Spirit.

*"A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruit."*  
*Matthew 7:18-20*

**A Word For Your Week:** To reap a better harvest, sow better seed.