

HOW SOWING AND REAPING WORKS

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The Secret of the Harvest, Part 1

MAIN IDEA: To illuminate 5 dynamics of sowing and reaping—how it works—in order to help us settle into the process, and/or make serious course-corrections.

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” **Galatians 6:7**

- **We are prone to deception in this.**
- **God cannot be mocked...** we won’t get away with it.
- **Undeniable truth: Whatever you plant will produce a crop.**

1. No seeds sown, no HARVEST.

“... at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” **Galatians 6:9**

If you want something good, significant, positive to grow, you must plant for it.

2. Seeds produce after their OWN KIND.

Then God said, “Every seed will produce more of its own kind of plant.” **Genesis 1:11** NCV

“...one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward...”

“Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity” **Proverbs 11:18; 22:8** ESV

3. Seeds do not produce fruit IMMEDIATELY, it takes time.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” **Galatians 6:9** ESV (1 Corinthians 3:6)

4. Seeds are an investment in FUTURE fruit, and MORE fruit.

“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” **Matthew 13:8**

“And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him” **Genesis 26:12** ESV

5. Seed sowing is an intentional CHOICE, not a feeling.

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” **Galatians 6:9** NLT

“Your choices determine the kind of crop you’re going to reap, the kind of life you’re going to live, and the kind of judgment you will face.” **Charles Stanley**