SOWING GOOD SEED INTO YOUR SOUL

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MAIN IDEA: Sow seeds into your inner spiritual life and reap depth, maturity, endurance, joy, stability, fruitfulness, peace, impact & legacy.

Sow to the Spirit... (v. 8b)

In cooperation with God's Spirit, walking with/in the Spirit, in agreement who God is, his agenda-purpose-ways.

PRINCIPLE: The fruit of the Spirit grows naturally from seeds sown to the Spirit. Not effort.

Reap eternal life

Length of time that God's favor extends to people (incl. heaven) (Jude 21; Titus 3:7; John 6:40)

Restored relationship with God through Christ (John 17:3)

Jesus himself. He is the life. (1 John 1:2; 5:11-12)

Deposit of what will be complete later (1 Jn 3:15)

Gift given exclusively by God thru Jesus. (Rom. 6:23)

"Fight the good fight of the faith. <u>Take hold of the eternal life</u> to which you were called..." **1 Timothy 6:12**

WHAT SEEDS PRODUCE ETERNAL LIFE IN US?

1. Sow seeds of <u>FAITH</u>....

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." **Matthew 17:20**

Step out, praying for healing, prayer walking, sacrificing, tithe/giving

"Give, and it will be given to you." Luke 6:38 (2 Cor. 9:6)

Sowing seeds of faith in/from your inner being produces... faith, miracles, healings, provision, blessing, results, fruit

2. Sow seeds of PRAYER...

Petition-asking

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." **Matthew 7:7–8** NLT

Pursuit of & Hunger for God

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." **Jeremiah 29:13** (Psalm 42:1–2)

Communion with God (connecting daily, resting, abiding)

"Abide in me, and I in you." John 15:4 ESV

"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you." Jn. 15:4

Sowing seeds of prayer in your inner being produces... depth, dependency, intimacy, connection, guidance, hearing God, results, miracles.

3. Sow seeds of TRUTH...

"if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon." **John 15:7** MSG (Luke 2:19)

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and <u>you will</u> know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **John 8:31–32** ESV

"I have <u>hidden your word in my heart</u> that I might not sin against you." **Psalm 119:11**

"Keep this Book of the Law <u>always on your lips; meditate</u> on it day and night, so that you may <u>be careful to do everything written in it</u>. Then you will be prosperous and successful." **Joshua 1:8**

Read, listen, study, speak it out, agree, submit to it, confess, sing

Sowing seeds of truth into your inner being produces... stability, anchoredness, freedom, steadfastness, fruitfulness