

God's Laws of Planting and Harvesting

Decades - Part 5
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"As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest ... " Genesis 8:22 (NLT)

1. Everything starts as a seed.

"Then God said, 'Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.' And that is what happened." Genesis 1:11 (NLT)

A seed is anything valuable that I give away.

What kind of seeds are you planting right now?

2. Nothing happens until the seed is planted.

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives." John 12:24 (NLT)

3. When I have a need I should plant a seed.

"Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both." Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NLT)

Many times when we're waiting on God to move, He is waiting on us to plant.

4. Whatever I plant is what I will reap.

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"Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster ... " Proverbs 22:8 (NLT)

"And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness." James 3:18 (NLT)

5. I am not the only sower.

"I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest." John 4:38 (NLT)

6. I always reap in a different season than I sow.

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ²A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NLT)

7. I must be patient and not give up.

“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)

8. I always reap more than I sow.

*“Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was **thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much** as had been planted!” Mark 4:8 (NLT)*

Anybody can count the seeds in an apple but only God can count the apples in a seed.

9. I plant by faith, not by feelings.

“⁵Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. ⁶They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.” Psalm 126:5-6 (NLT)

10. The best time to plant is now.

“Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.” Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT)

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