

God's Law of Seed and Harvest

God has some immutable laws. You cannot break them; instead, you will be broken upon them. For example, if you jump off a tall building you will be broken when you fall. That is God's law of gravity.

Just as surely as God's laws of gravity holds, so does God's law of "seed and harvest." Read about this law in Galatians 6:7-9.

⁷Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ⁹And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. —Galatians 6:7-9

When you sow corn don't expect to reap _____, or if you sow peas don't expect to reap _____. What you sow is what you reap!

Look at the following passages and name what's being sowed and what's being reaped.

	Sowed	Reaped
Job 4:8		
Hosea 8:7	_____	_____
Hosea 10:12-13	_____	_____
Jeremiah 4:3	_____	_____
Proverbs 11:18	_____	_____

Some time ago I was in a certain place. There were thousands of beautiful trees, but I did not know what kind they were. When I stopped and looked, there were almonds all over the ground under the trees, and there were almonds all over the trees. I said, "Aha! Here we have a fig tree." That is ridiculous. They were almond trees.

You may not reap immediately, but you will reap. You can grow turnips in a few weeks, but it takes years to grow an oak tree. However, the oak tree will last longer. You can sow to the flesh in a short time, and in an easy way, but it is hard work and takes time to sow to the Spirit. Don't get discouraged though, for you will reap if you don't faint. How many times have there been when I did not see immediate results, but they came in God's time which was

best. You may not reap where you sow, but you will reap somewhere. Note what Jesus said in John 4:35-38

³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the field! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸I have sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.'

Sometimes I have reaped what the other person had sown, but I have done a lot of sowing where other persons do the reaping. "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." I Corinthians 3:6

Also, you will reap in proportion to the amount that you sow.

Discuss in proportion to the amount that you sow:

II Corinthians 9:6

Psalms 126:5-6

Luke 15:7, 10:24

Write out your personal definition for the word reap.

Write out your personal definition for the word harvest.
