



## Hindrance To Your Harvest

As we all experience the economic meltdown of the financial economy around the world, the question which many Christians are asking, “Is My Harvest On The Way?” In the midst of mortgage foreclosures, stock market devastation, energy crisis, high unemployment, and disappearing health benefits is there a light—any hope for survival? Christians are taught to trust in God for all of their needs, but circumstances and conditions are forcing many to question their source. Most believe that God can and will provide their essentials for living, supply what they need, but what about receiving a few needs? God has promised a harvest if we plant in His divine garden. Some feel that harvest has not yet come and they are reaping very little.

I want, for the next two weeks, to closely analyze, from the Word of God, some of the hindrances to why your harvest may not be manifested. There are some reasons why your harvest is less plentiful than you desire. In Genesis 8:22 we find these words, “As long as the earth remains, there will be planting (i.e. seedtime) and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night.: God’s intention is for us to see a bountiful harvest constantly in our walk with Him as we apply His principles in our daily lives.

Many think that the harvest is only seen in the form of finances alone. Yes, God wants us to experience a financial harvest, but He also wants us to experience harvest in other areas of our lives. We must have a holistic outlook toward harvesting. The Bible says that as long as the earth remains, there are spiritual laws that govern it (Genesis 8:22).

There are laws of seeding (i.e. planting) and laws of harvesting. Seedtime and harvest, according to the text, will always be in operation as long as the earth remains. Harvesting will be the result of planting, whether financial seeds or otherwise.

Harvest is a season or a time of favor—an opportunity, connection, finances, relationship, or blessing—which God brings into the believers life at a certain time to meet the needs and desires of our heart as a result of the seed which have been sown. There is a difference between harvesting and reaping. The law of reaping says that when you sow or plant your seed, God will multiply your seed back to you in the form of a harvest, and then you will reap the harvest of the seed back in-kind. You are responsible to sow the seed, nurture the seed, and then reap the harvest. God is responsible to grow the seed and to produce the harvest. Jesus, in Mark 4:27 said, “The farmer does not know how the seed became a plant.”

There are important hindrances that must be avoided in order to consistently enjoy and reap the harvest God has for you.

I. Sleeping during the harvest – Proverbs 10:5. The believer is called to be alert and to wake up from his/her slumber (Ephesians 5:14).

II. Laziness and not being diligent during your season.

The Bible says that a lazy hand makes a man/woman poor, but a diligent hand brings wealth. You can lose your harvest by simply being too lazy to act promptly when action or speed is required.

During these rather bleak, austere times, you can make these the best days of your life by understanding and applying Godly principles of planting and harvesting. DO NOT PANIC, continue to be faithful to GOD'S defined plan for your life of abundance (John 10:10). Plant your seed with faith TODAY, and EXPECT A HARVEST.

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