

SERMON NOTES

THE SEED OF FAITH (PART II)

May 24, 2020 Matthew 17:20

□ I MUST BE PATIENT AN NOT GIVE UP

- "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians
 6:9 (KJV)
- **PATIENCE** is the key to reaping an harvest
- It takes time to reap; we need the Fruit of the Spirit
- "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23
- While we wait for **NATURAL** fruit; we need to develop **SPIRITUAL** fruit

□ I WILL ALWAYS REAP MORE THAN YOU SOW

- "And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred." – Mark 4:8
- There is no **LIMIT** to the harvest of what you've sown
- Whatever you sow will be multiplied perpetually

□ I INCREASE MY HARVEST BY PLANTING MORE SEED

- "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." – II Corinthians 9:6-7
- Sowing seed is a an act of <u>WORSHIP</u>; worship is a <u>LIFESTYLE</u>
- "There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty." – Proverbs 11:24
- We need to be **PERPETUAL** sowers
- We should also **DIVERSIFY** our seed

□ THE MORE SEED I PLANT THE MORE GOD WILL GIVE ME

- "Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness" – II Corinthians 9:10
- If you commit to work the purposes of God, God will give you something to work with
- The more He can get **THROUGH YOU**; the more He will get **TO YOU**

□ I PLANT BY FAITH, <u>NOT BY MY FEELINGS</u>

- "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5-6
- We don't always FEEL like sowing
- Sowing can be arduous and difficult in certain times
- Grief, anger, frustration, uncertainty and discouragement are enemies to sowing
- Sowing when we don't feel like it may be the **BEST** time to sow!

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- "The just shall live by faith and not by sight" II Corinthians 5:7
- Sowing seed is the **LIFESTYLE** of those in the **FAITH**

☐ THE BEST TIME TO PLANT IS NOW

- "He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap." Ecclesiastes 11:4
- The time to sow is **ALWAYS** right now
- "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..." II Chronicles 16:9
- God is looking for FAITHFULNESS
- "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat... and day and night shall not cease." – Genesis 8:22
- We are sow water and reap **CONTINUALLY!**

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SOW TODAY?



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