

How does the Word of God define sowing and reaping as an important principle applicable to our spiritual life?

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, "If you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God."

As such:

John 12:24, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."

Proverbs 11:18, "The wicked *man* does deceptive work, but he who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward."

1 Peter 2:15, "This is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

What's more?

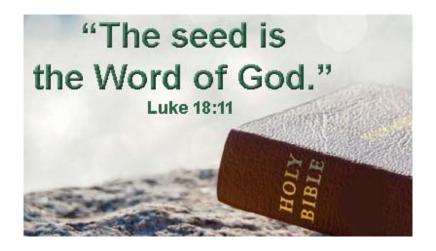
Matthew 13:24, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field."

Therefore:

Hosea 10:12, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till He comes and rains righteousness on you."

Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Do I grasp the importance of sowing the love of God through my life?



What does the action of sowing and reaping for the Kingdom of God imply?

Psalm 1:1-3, "Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."

As such the Apostle Paul said:

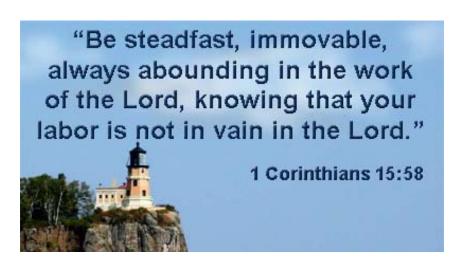
1 Corinthians 3:6-8, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor."

Our greatest example being:

Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Titus 2:14, "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works."

Therefore:

James 4:8, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." How near to God am I right now?



What is the path to follow to sow righteousness so that we truly live to follow Christ from the heart?

Deuteronomy 30:16, "I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you."

Colossians 3:23-24, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Philippians 2:3, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

What's more?

Colossians 3:1-2, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Therefore:

James 1:22, "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Galatians 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

How clean and steadfast is my walk with the Lord right now?

"Do not be deceived,
God is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, that he
will also reap. For he who sows
to his flesh will of the flesh reap
corruption, but he who sows
to the Spirit will of the Spirit
reap everlasting life."
Galatians 6:7-8

What are the dangers of sowing to the flesh?

Proverbs 11:27, "He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, but trouble will come to him who seeks evil."

Proverbs 22:8, "Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will come to an end."

Why?

Galatians 5:17, "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."

As such:

2 Corinthians 5:10, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

What's more?

1 Corinthians 6:9-10, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Therefore:

James 1:14-16, "Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

If today I was called to appear before the judgment seat of Christ, where would that lead me for eternity?