

Reward For Sowing The Good Seed

(Part 1)

“Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.” (Psalm 126: 5-6)

Sowing is a season of mourning and sadness, because the farmers and those who are involved in farming will put all what they have from capital under the ground. All what they have is not with them but under the ground; therefore they will live in the expectation of getting something out from the things they invest in the fields.

Living in this life for God and to do God's will is like sowing the good seed; putting all your capital and what you have for God. Jesus Christ came from heaven; He lived His life for God doing God's will. He gave His life for all mankind; He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to bring us to God and to give us eternal life. Jesus' life is like the good seed that was sown under the ground (His death on the cross) and later on rose from the death to bring salvation to mankind and great harvest for God. Jesus spoke about that as well, *“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” (John 12:24)*

Our lives should be sown in this life as Jesus offered His life to God, *“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)* Sowing our lives to God it involves the following:

1- Giving up the sinful life: As we come to the Lord and live our lives unto Him we need to give up life of sin. Renouncing our entire shortcomings and moving away from the worldly life toward holiness and godliness. Giving up involved the giving up of our own self ambition and our own plans and will and accepting God's plan and will in our lives. Giving up it involved giving up bad habits, cultural and social worthless tradition and giving up the old religion. Giving up it might involve and required to move away from old friends and certain communities.

2- Giving your lives for God: *“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)* When God call us He had prepared good work for us to do so we need to offer our lives and body parts fully unto God, *“Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.” (Romans 6:13)*

The question here is it worthy to live our lives for Christ? Or in another word does giving up the above things and invest our lives fully to God will be rewarded? *“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.” (Luke 18:30-31)*

What are the seeds that we sow in this life?

1- Our lives testimonies: Our lives should be God's testimonies. As we read about Jesus life in the bible we take that as an example to follow God. And as we read the stories of those who follow God in the bible we take lessons of how to follow God. In the same way as we follow Christ others will see us and will start to follow Christ; we will be the good example for them and a challenge for them to follow God and walk in His ways.

2- Prayer: Every prayer is a powerful weapon; we need to *“Pray continually.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)* We need not to give up praying, God will lead us from victory to victory as we trust God and continue to pray. As result of our prayers, more souls will come to Christ, more disciples will be made and more sick get healing and more people get delivered from demons and the power of Satan. And what else you need to do? *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1Thessalonians 5:18)*

3- Forgiveness: Not easy to forgive, but that is part of sowing our lives to God. Forgetting and leaving behind all the hurts and the harms we had received knowing that our battle not against people who hurt us but against Satan who deceived them to do that. Knowing and admitting the grace of God to us that in forgiving others our sins are forgiven as we pray, *“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12)*

4- Giving our tithes and offering unto God: *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)* Whatever you give and sow from money for God's work it will be given back to you with more harvest.

5- Giving hands and caring for others: Someone had cared for you and he had His reward, now God is calling you to care for others and you will have your reward. Caring can be accomplished by one or more of the following: Prayer, giving the right advice and message from the word of God, material support, and physical aid.

6- Evangelism and making disciples: *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)* God call us to use all our resources and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit to reach the lost, preaching to them the message of salvation and making new disciples from those who believe by teaching them the word of God.

My Dear and Beloved: *“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1Corinthians 15:58)* You need to take the message of the Lord by heart and invest your life fully unto God and sow a good seed in this life as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I commit my life to live for you wholeheartedly and to sow the good seed in this life. Lord I give up and renounce the following things _____ . And I commit myself to the content of the message in doing what it says; this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*