

HARVEST

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The act of harvesting, the time of the harvest.

We often hear the expression, *'every action demands a reaction'*. But where is that in the Bible? This is the Law of Sowing and Reaping (the Law of the Harvest), and it's found in Galatians 6:7, ***"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will surely reap."*** The bottom line is... None of us can escape this spiritual principle. It's like the law of gravity; you can't see it, touch it, or smell it, but jump off a wall and it works every time! I believe one of the greatest deceptions in the church is thinking that this principle isn't working. Yet, for either good or bad it will produce a harvest! An action is like an acorn; it is a tiny thing but contains within itself a mighty, towering oak tree. The size of the seed does not determine the size of the harvest.

It is easy to deceive ourselves, thinking that the Law of the Harvest is not at work in our lives. But we cannot escape the consequences of our own actions. So be careful, for if you sow to the wind you may reap a whirlwind! You can shoot an arrow into the sky and repent while it is in the air, but that cannot stop the arrow from hitting the ground. Repentance secures your pardon, however, it does not nullify the "reaction" to your "action."

- Sow a thought, reap an action.
- Sow an action, reap a habit.
- Sow a habit, reap a character.
- Sow a character, reap a destiny.

This principle operates unrelentingly! It can work for your good or it will work against you. Note; the devil pays back with compound interest but so does God. And His rewards far outweigh our actions. If we keep on sowing to the Spirit, we will reap the harvest of godly character, answered prayer, and a life in harmony with the Lord. Our lives will be flooded with that many blessings that come only to those whose actions please God.

There is always occasion to do good – to sow good seed. There are always opportunities! But no door stays open forever. A sculptor once showed his studio to a friend who spotted a very strange statue. It was the figure of a man with hair completely covering his face and wings on each foot. "What is the name of that statue?" he asked. The sculptor replied, "His name is Opportunity." "Why is his face hidden?" "Because men seldom know when he comes to them." "Why are there wings on his feet?" "Because he is soon gone, and when he departs, he cannot be overtaken."

Don't grow weary or turn your back on doing good, because at the appointed time you will reap a great harvest - if you do not lose heart (Galatians 6:9). God has seen your heart and taken note of your benevolent actions. And this demands that He reacts accordingly. Anne Frank said, "No one has ever become poor by giving." This is because God has taken note and is always multiplying back!