Understanding the law of Seedtime and Harvest

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For those of you who don’t know Jesus, would you like to know Him? All you need to do is pray the prayer below with a sincere and trusting heart, and you will be born again:

Dear God in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus to receive salvation and eternal life. I believe Jesus is Your Son. I believe He died on the cross for my sins, and You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus now into my heart, and I make Him the Lord of my life. Jesus, come into my heart. I welcome You as my Lord and Savior. Father, I believe Your Word says I am now saved. I confess with my mouth that I am saved and born again. I am now a child of God.

If you prayed this prayer, please write and tell us about it. We want to send you a free book, You’re Somebody Special to God, to get you started winning in life.
I REMEMBER, when I was just a boy, I’d climb onto my grandfather’s tractor and go with him into the cornfield at harvest time. Once the harvest was complete, Grandpa would sort the corn into batches. He would then store the best corn in the barn, and the next best batch would go to market. The final batch was what we ate.

One day I asked, “Grandpa, how come you always take the best corn to the barn?”

“That’s the seed for next year’s crop,” he said.

“Why don’t we plant corn from the batch we eat? It’s not the best corn—it’s not even as good as what you sell.”

“Jerry, we plant the best corn because we want the best harvest next year,” he explained. “If we plant corn out of the batch we eat, then our harvest will grow worse each year.”

I didn’t realize it at the time, but through my firsthand experience in my grandfather’s cornfield, God was laying a foundation for a biblical truth that would be revealed to me many years later. It’s a truth I now refer to as “the greatest spiritual law”: the law of seedtime and harvest.

The first thing you need to understand about the law of seedtime and harvest is this: everything that happens on planet Earth revolves around this law—including the events in your life. Or to put it another way, the seeds you sow determine how far you go—especially in God’s plan for your life.

In order to understand the law of seedtime and harvest, we need to go back to the beginning, to the book of Genesis, where everything began:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

And God said, “Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat” (Genesis 1:27–29 KJV).

Notice the word meat at the end of this scripture; it can also mean provision. God is saying, “I have given you every herb-bearing seed, and it shall be for your provision.” Clearly, God intended for us to make provision for our lives by sowing. The act of sowing not only makes provision for us and sustains us, it also represents what we are and what we do.

You may work as a mechanic; you may be a lawyer; perhaps you are a doctor. But from God’s perspective, although you may be gifted in your vocation, the work you do is not how He intends for you to sustain your life.

We’ve turned our vocation into
something we do to earn a living, when God intends our vocation to provide a means for us to earn a giving. Our jobs are nothing more than a means for us to have seed to sow. We cannot limit ourselves to a paycheck, because we were created to be sowers. Our income is determined by our sowing, not by what we get paid.

I’ve had people say, “But you don’t understand, Brother Jerry, I’m on a fixed income; I don’t have the avenues for additional income that you do.” Although they don’t realize it, when people make a statement like this, they are actually limiting themselves by their confession. I just smile and say, “Well, if you’ll do what the Word of God says, you can un-fix your fixed income. And the first step is making the decision to become a sower.”

**Sowing Is a Lifestyle**

My grandfather was a Mississippi farmer. When the Great Depression gripped our nation following the stock market crash of 1929, Grandpa sustained his family, as well as others, with his crops, hogs, and cattle. When my dad became an adult, although he was in the automotive business, he made sure our family always had a vegetable garden filled with tomatoes, lettuce, peas, and corn to help sustain us.

Vegetable gardens were a consistent part of my growing-up experience, so when Carolyn and I purchased our first house in Fort Worth, I decided to plant a little garden so that we could have fresh tomatoes in the summer. Although we enjoyed eating those tomatoes each year, the point I want to make is this: growing a few tomato plants in the backyard doesn’t make someone a farmer any more than giving an offering on Sunday makes that individual a sower.

A sower is a person who understands the power of the seed and the law of seedtime and harvest. From the very beginning, God intended that you and I be sowers. Again, it is how He planned for our lives to be sustained. Through our sowing, we have the power to determine our own destiny. We see this principle in Genesis 1:28 when God told the first man and woman to have dominion. The Message translation says, “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!” God is saying that through the law of seedtime and harvest, we can actually take charge of our future.

Understanding and employing the law of seedtime and harvest changed my life. Sowing is what got me where I am, and it’s how I’m going to get where God wants me to be. Sowing is not a part-time endeavor or a hobby for me. It is what I am and what I do.

Before this principle became a revelation to me, I had no idea that the way my life had turned out was a direct result of the seeds I’d sown. Like most people I knew at the time, I woke up every morning wondering what would happen next, how I was going to pay the rent, and if my family would have enough food to eat. It never occurred to me that I had the ability to take charge of my life and destiny. My life was on a downhill spiral because of the seeds I had sown and was still sowing.

But, thank God, I finally heard the truth from God’s Word, and that truth set me free. The parable of the sower, told by Jesus in Mark 4, has been called the granddaddy of all parables because it is the blueprint for how God’s kingdom works.

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all parables?” (Mark 4:3–8, 13).

Once I understood what it meant to be a sower and that our sowing activated the law of seedtime and harvest, the Bible took on a whole new meaning for me. Suddenly I couldn’t get enough
of the Word; I was a man on a quest. I wanted to understand how to apply the law of seedtime and harvest in a way that would change my life and destiny, as well as the destiny of my family. The first thing the Lord revealed to me was the different types of seeds that were available to me and how they could produce either a good or bad harvest, depending on how I planted them.

Every Seed Produces after Its Own Kind

When we hear the term *seedtime and harvest*, the first thing many people think of is finances. The reason so many of God’s people are not having the kind of results they should be having with their finances is that they are only applying part of the law of seedtime and harvest. They think they will just sow some money and then become instantly wealthy.

Although the law of seedtime and harvest certainly applies to finances, money is only one type of seed that we have available to sow. If we truly want to change our life and destiny, then we also need to take charge of our thoughts, our words, and our attitudes. Only then will we be able to appropriate our finances and material goods in line with God’s will for our lives.

When I first realized that my *thoughts* were seeds—that everything in my life began as a thought—I determined at once to change the way I think. The Word of God says, “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7). This scripture tells us that our life tends to go in the direction of our most dominant thoughts. Whatever we think about the most is the way our life will go.

For example, nobody just wakes up and decides one day to embark on a life of sin and crime. That kind of life begins with a thought: *I can steal that pack of gum and nobody will ever catch me.* Now, that person may cast down that thought at first, but then it comes back and he meditates on it for a while. Then he actually pictures himself doing it. Next thing he knows, he’s sitting in a prison cell, serving time for robbery and wondering how his life went this direction.

It began as a thought.

Anything that has the potential of growing and becoming bigger than its present state is a seed. An oak tree is an acorn that fell to the ground, held its ground, and then grew into a giant tree. That little acorn got its beginning as a thought in the mind of God.

Here’s what the Lord said to me as I set out to become a sower: “If you don’t get your thoughts, your words, your actions, and your attitude in line with my Word, then the money seed you sow will have nothing but weeds around it, and it will be choked out.” That’s when I began filling my mind and heart with the Word of God so that God’s thoughts would become my thoughts.

The next thing I recognized was that my *words* were also seeds, so I began working on what I said. Jesus said, “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things” (Matthew 12:35). Simply put, positive words produce positive results, and negative words produce negative results. Words are seeds, and remember, every seed produces after its own kind. That’s why the Bible admonishes, “You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth” (Proverbs 6:2). Our words are vehicles; they are carriers that drive us to our destiny. The only way we can change the direction we are going is by first changing our words. This is a lesson I learned early in my walk with the Lord.

I’d read God’s promise in Mark 11:23 (KJV)—“Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith”—but I wasn’t seeing this promise happen in my life like I thought it should. So I decided to talk to Kenneth Copeland about it.

“Brother Copeland, according to God’s Word there are some things that should be happening in my life, but they’re not,” I said. Then I proceeded to tell him everything that was going wrong in my life, and I went on and on about how some biblical principles just weren’t working like they were supposed to.

“Okay, I know your problem,” he told me.

“What is it?”

“Your big mouth.”

Well, that’s not what I wanted to hear, so I said, “Pardon me?”

“Your problem is your big mouth. You need to learn the vocabulary of silence,” he said. Then he turned and walked away.

Needless to say, I didn’t like what he’d said to me. So I prayed, “Lord, he said I needed to learn the vocabulary of silence. I’ve never heard anything like that. What does that mean?”

The Lord immediately spoke to me, saying, “It simply means this: if you can’t speak My Word, shut up. Son, you’ve been sowing the wrong kind of seed with your mouth.”

Sometimes God has to shake us up to get our attention, just as He did with me. But He was teaching me a valuable lesson about being a sower. If I could take charge of my mouth, I could take charge of my destiny.

I also learned that my *attitude* was a seed that determined my destiny. Attitude is a reflection of what is going on deep inside a person. Attitude is something we can’t fake. We may go to church with a smile on our face, but pretty soon, if we don’t like the music or we think they spent too much time on the offering, our attitude is going to reveal how we really feel.

I’ve learned the root cause of
a negative attitude is the belief that nothing good is going to happen. This belief stems from not really believing God’s Word. When you spend more time in the world than you do in the Word, you are not thoroughly convinced, or fully persuaded, that God means what He says. And if you are not convinced that you can depend on God, your attitude will reveal it through your thoughts and words.

The only remedy for a negative attitude is spending time in God’s Word, allowing His thoughts to become your thoughts and His words your words. I’ve learned there are times when we can defeat the devil with just our attitude. We just have to determine that no matter what he says or does, it’s not going to affect our positive attitude.

Once I took charge of my thoughts, my words, and my attitude, and sowed them as good seed, I began to see a positive change in my material and financial sowing. (We can’t talk about the law of seedtime and harvest without including our finances and material possessions.) I saw in the Word that my money was seed. I saw in the Word that my clothes could become seed; so could my car and my lawnmower. If I own it and it’s mine, it’s a seed. And because I am a sower, I can stand on the promise He made in His Word:

   And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:10–11 AMP).

God has promised two things to those who are sowers: (1) they will never be without seed, and (2) He will increase their resources for sowing. I have been a sower for more than forty-five years now, and I can attest to the veracity of this promise.

In the book of James, we see that faith without works is dead. When Abraham was willing to offer, or sow, his son Isaac in obedience to God, the Word says Abraham’s faith was made perfect. The Amplified translation says his faith reached supreme expression (see James 2:22).

Our faith, no matter what endeavor we apply it to, does not reach its full expression until we sow something. I invite you today to make the decision to become a sower and join me on a lifetime adventure in faith, fully sustained by the greatest spiritual law: the law of seedtime and harvest.

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When it comes to leading people to Christ, we’ve come to expect God encounters on a daily basis as we take every opportunity the Lord presents to us to lead people to Jesus Christ. The result of these God encounters is multiple lives changed forever—for eternity.

Our vision of every member being a soul winner stems from our passion for God and our passion for souls. Yes, we happen to be called bikers, but motorcycle riding is simply a benefit we enjoy as we shine our lights for Jesus, share God’s love, and bless others wherever we are. In fact, with COL chapters all over the world, we are literally doing what Jesus instructed us to do when He said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

Chariots of Light schedules numerous North American outreaches throughout the year, which take place mainly at secular rallies. These rallies give us the greatest opportunity to minister to a large number of people in a small amount of time. We gather each morning for chapel and a meeting, in which our director prays for our group of soul winners, instructs them about the day’s activities, and then loosens them to go into the world and be the bright beacon we are called to be.

Our goal is to extend our hands as a point of contact for Jesus to touch someone else’s life with the love of God. It is His desire—and ours as well—to see His glory manifest in the lives of people and then to see those lives changed. And in the process of this transformation, we are being transformed into the witnesses He has called us to be.

We believe it is God’s desire to manifest Himself to the world. Therefore, we offer ourselves to Him so that He can manifest Himself through us to those who are in need. And that is just what He does. In 2014, we saw some twenty thousand people come to Christ as a result of our outreaches. Many of those also received miracles, deliverance, and healing. As soul winners, we operated in words of wisdom, words of knowledge, acts of faith, and discerning of spirits. And now, as we step into 2015, we are believing for ever greater works. It is time for “the greater” to manifest in the world.

Perhaps it is time for you to become part of the Chariots of Light Christian Bikers Club, which is not just for bikers. Some of our soul winners don’t ride, but that doesn’t stop them from being a part of COL and ministering to others.

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Bill and Ginger Horn are directors of the Chariots of Light Christian Bikers Club.
IF WE WANT TO TRULY UNDERSTAND God’s creation and how things are designed to work in life, we need to go back to the beginning, to the book of Genesis. Chapters 1 and 2 paint a beautiful picture of the fruitful environment God created for mankind. They also provide an account of His instructions to the first man and woman.

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food” (Genesis 1:26–29).

I recall when Jerry first preached about this passage many years ago, identifying the two gifts God bestowed on mankind in the beginning. The first gift was the dominion and authority God granted to mankind; the second gift was the miracle of the seed. Simply stated, God gave us the authority to determine our own destiny according to the seed we sow.

Just as every herb, tree, and plant that yields seed for food begins with the process of sowing a single seed, so does everything else we receive in life. The thoughts we think, the words we speak, and the deeds we do are all seed. Just think about it—if you sow something as simple as a smile to someone you meet, you will reap a smile in return.

Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38). The Amplified
Bible says it like this: “Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.”

All of life is sowing and reaping. All of life is giving and receiving.

Once I was armed with the knowledge that I could determine my own destiny by the seed I sow, I made the decision to become a sower in all areas of my life. Although I wanted to be known for my giving, I wanted to be certain that a life of blessing was God’s will for me. That’s when I read 3 John 2 from a fresh perspective: “Beloved, I pay that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

When that scripture became real to me on a personal level, my life was changed. To know that God really loves me (He calls me His beloved) and that He desires to see me prosper and be in health gave me great assurance. Why wouldn't my heavenly Father want me to prosper and be in health? After all, this desire is no different than the one I have for my own children.

I remember when our family first moved to Fort Worth and we were establishing our new home. Almost all of our secondhand furniture had come from family members who no longer wanted it—and with good reason. I did my best to refurbish those hand-me-down pieces, but Jerry said we really just needed to set a match to them.

That’s when I began to set the law of seedtime and harvest into motion by sowing pieces of furniture into the lives of others. I gave the best I had, and in return I began to accumulate nicer items, one piece at a time. As my faith in the law of seedtime and harvest began to grow, so did my giving. There were times when Jerry would leave town to preach, and when he’d return, our family room would be emptied of furniture. I’d have given it all to some family who had nothing. But God would always fill the room for me again, each time with nicer things than I’d had before.

Name Your Seed

God established the principle that every seed was to produce after its own kind: “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth” (Genesis 1:11).

If you want tomatoes, you plant tomato seed. If you want watermelons, you plant watermelon seed. My experience in sowing and reaping furniture taught me I could plant seed for anything I wanted. I would find someone who needed the same thing I wanted, and then I would sow that item. Or if I sowed a financial seed for something I was believing for, I would name that seed. I did this because I understood that every seed produces after its own kind.

About thirty-five years ago I was out for a day of lunch and shopping with two dear friends who were in town for an annual ministers conference. The three of us had made our get-together a routine each year, and because money was still scarce in the beginning, we’d each saved for this special day.

When we got to one store that was a particular favorite, I overheard a conversation between the saleswoman and a lady who was there to pay on shoes she had in layaway for her family. The saleswoman said, “I’m so sorry, but you are behind on your payment. Unless you can pay in full today, you’ll lose what you’ve paid, and the shoes will be returned to stock.”

The customer said that she didn’t have the full amount and it didn’t seem fair she should lose what she’d already paid. That’s when she moved away from the cash register, walked across the floor to the corner of the room, and began to cry.

I quietly slipped up behind the saleswoman and said, “I couldn’t help but overhear your conversation. May I ask how much she owes on the shoes? I’d like to pay the balance of her layaway.”

When the saleswoman told me the balance, it was the exact amount I had saved to spend on my day out with my friends. I placed the money in her hand and said, “Please give her the shoes for her family, but don’t tell her where the money came from.”

My friends and I left the store without the lady knowing what I’d done. The joy and fun I experienced through my giving that day were far greater than any pleasure I may have received from buying a new dress. There is no comparison. But my story doesn’t end there.

I didn’t realize it at the time, but I was actually sowing seed for shoes. That seed started a harvest of shoes that continues today. Not only am I constantly giving shoes away, I am constantly harvesting them as well.

I thank God that Jerry and I learned to live this way early in our married life. Everything we have today, in both our personal life and in our ministry, we received by living according to the law of seedtime and harvest. We taught our daughters this law. As a mother, it was so exciting to watch seedtime and harvest become revelation in their lives. Now, every time they have a need, they sow a seed. They each have a giving heart.

I believe the Lord wants each of us to have this kind of heart. After all, a giving heart is really God’s heart. He gave the very best seed He had—the seed of His Son. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus has since produced an abundant harvest of millions and millions of believers.

Just like the Scripture says, every seed produces after its own kind.
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD, as Christians we should always believe God for maximum results in anything He calls us to do in faith. It is His desire that we always receive His best and never settle for anything less.

If God wants us to live in divine health, then why should we settle for healing from time to time? Healing is wonderful, but divine health is better. If God's Word says we should have more than enough to meet our needs, then why settle for living from paycheck to paycheck? Financial miracles are also wonderful, but living in a continual state of abundance is better.

We are all familiar with God's promise to the tither to "open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10). And God's Word makes this promise to the sower: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6).

I refer to God's promise to the sower as the "law of quantity," because the amount of seed we sow has direct bearing on the size of harvest we reap.

To understand what God considers to be a bountiful harvest on the seed we sow, let's look at what Jesus said in His parable of the sower: "But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred (Mark 4:8).

Clearly it is God's will that the seed we sow produce a manifold return. To sow much and then reap little would be a violation of spiritual law. And yet, there are those who do just that: they sow much, and do not reap the appropriate harvest.

To understand the reason some do not see their harvest come in line with God's Word, let's look at the first chapter of the book of Haggai:

Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!

"You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes."

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!" (Haggai 1:5–7).

It's interesting that God says twice, "Consider your ways!" The Amplified translation says, "Consider your ways (your previous and present conduct) and how you have fared." The term ways means "course of action; method and manners; conduct and behavior." In other words, if you're sowing much and reaping little, you need to stop and consider your course of action, consider your methods.
and manners, and consider your conduct and behavior.

We don’t need to question whether the Word of God is true or not. We don’t need to question whether God is faithful or not. The Bible says we are to consider our ways. It’s foolish to believe we can live any way we want and expect that God will automatically cause His best to come to pass in our lives. Our behavior has a profound effect on the results we get from our sowing.

Wrong behavior can hinder, delay, postpone, and even negate our harvest. It’s enough that the devil is trying to stop our harvest; why should we help him? Let’s examine two particularly harmful behaviors that can adversely affect our harvest: treachery and unforgiveness.

**Treachery and Unforgiveness**

The Hebrew word for treachery means “to act covertly; to deal deceitfully; to transgress; [to be] unfaithful.” The book of Malachi paints a reassuring picture of God’s love and justice, yet its message is clear: the prosperity of a nation depends on its obedience to the laws of God.

Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenants of the fathers? Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the LORD’s holy institution which He loves: he has married the daughter of a foreign god. May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does this, being awake and aware, yet who brings an offering to the LORD of hosts! (Malachi 2:10–12).

Notice how this passage addresses the nation that profanes its covenant with God by saying the people are both awake and aware of their treacherous behavior when they bring their offering to the Lord. Their behavior will cut them off from their harvest.

Malachi again confirms the connection between behavior and harvest as the passage continues, this time addressing personal covenant relationships:

And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and crying; so He does not regard the offering anymore, nor receive it with goodwill from your hands. Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously” (Malachi 2:13–14).

Clearly our behavior has a direct bearing on the results we get from our sowing. To behave treacherously does not necessarily mean breaking covenant with God or our spouse. God knows when we fail to report that little bit of cash income we earned when we file our taxes. He knows the bitterness we carry in our heart against the one who has wronged us. The Bible says, “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” (2 Chronicles 16:9).

I realize these things may be difficult to hear, but the quicker we face reality, the sooner we can correct the problem and get into the flow of God’s best. If you need God to reveal the reason you are not reaping a harvest in line with what you sow, just ask Him. The Word says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5).

Harboring unforgiveness can also hinder your harvest. Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (Mark 11:24). It would be nice if we could stop reading right here and simply believe our harvest will automatically come, but we can’t. The next verse says, “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses” (Mark 11:25–26). Jesus is saying that receiving the very thing we desire could be prolonged if we are carrying bitterness toward someone. That’s why the Word tell us to “pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled” (Hebrews 12:14–15).

The Amplified translation says to pursue peace “in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment” (emphasis added). Every time I hear the phrase shoots forth, I can’t help but think of weeds and how they shoot forth so fast. A weed is defined as “any undesired plant that grows in abundance so as to crowd out the desired crop.” I’m explaining this so that I can give an illustration of something that happened in my own life and tell how the Lord helped me deal with it.

**Get the Weeds off Your Seed**

I had sown a seed and was believing for the harvest to come. But weeks turned to months, months turned to years, and I was still waiting for my harvest. When I sought the Lord, asking for His wisdom about the matter, He said to me, “Get the weeds off your seed.”

I couldn’t figure out what He meant by that. He just left it for me to pray over. I thought maybe I wasn’t confessing the Word as I should or perhaps I needed to be more aggressive
in my faith. I made the adjustments but still got no results. Finally I said, “Lord, what’s the problem here?”

“Get the weeds off your seed,” He said.

“Would You mind explaining to me what You mean by ‘get the weeds off your seed’?”

He said, “Read Haggai, and consider your ways.”

So I read the verses and meditated on them for several days. Then one evening as Carolyn and I were driving home from a meeting, it suddenly dawned on me. I’d been harboring animosity against someone who’d offended me. I turned to my wife and said, “Carolyn, I know what God’s been trying to tell me regarding the weeds on my seed.”

I told her about the person I had this animosity toward, and right then and there I asked God to forgive me, cleanse me, and purge me of all the unforgiveness, animosity, and bitterness I’d held in my heart. Immediately the peace of God came upon me, and I knew the weeds were gone.

In less than forty-eight hours, the harvest—which had been delayed for years—began to manifest.

If you are not receiving maximum results in your sowing, then you need to pray and search your heart to find out what could be preventing your harvest from coming in. The Holy Spirit will reveal it to you. Neither making behavioral changes nor releasing forgiveness to someone who has offended you is ever an easy thing to do, but ask yourself this: how desperate am I for maximum results? If you want maximum results in your sowing, then you have to remove the weeds. The apostle Paul put it this way:

Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;

And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],

And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another.

When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down.

Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him] (Ephesians 4:22–27 AMP).

Right now, take the time to ensure that your conduct, your behavior, your course of action, your methods, and your manners are not hindering, postponing, or delaying your harvest. Then check to see if you are harboring any unforgivness in your heart, for it will choke your seed. When you release forgiveness to the one who has offended you, you will in effect be digging up all those weeds that are suffocating your seed.

Never settle for less than God’s best for you. God wants you to have maximum results in your sowing. When you get the weeds off your seed, you will be able to so bountifully and reap bountifully.

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When I moved from Oklahoma to Texas in 1980 to work for Jerry Savelle Ministries International, I had a pretty good understanding of what it took for a farmer to produce a crop. I'd observed the fruit trees of Oklahoma enough to know that when you planted a seed, as long as that seed had enough water and sun (and no pests), it would eventually grow into a tree that would produce much fruit of its own kind.

I did not, however, know anything about spiritual seeds. I'd never even heard of a spiritual seed. And I certainly didn't know that spiritual seeds don't just produce now; they also keep on producing. Not only did that move from Oklahoma to Texas mark the beginning of a new job, it also marked the beginning of an ongoing adventure in faith that has spanned more than three decades.

When I began working with Brother Jerry, I would ask him about the funds we had at our disposal to help accomplish the particular task at hand. His answer was always, “We live by faith.” At first I didn’t know exactly what he meant. But as I watched him plant seed for the harvest we needed in the ministry’s finances, I quickly learned that when we become seed minded instead of need minded, God will take care of all our needs.

I have since seen the seed principle work in every area of this ministry, and I’ve learned not to worry about where the harvest is coming from. It was from Brother Jerry that I learned, when we plant a seed, the seed will always produce.

I started putting the principles I was learning at work into action for my family. When I was traveling with Brother Jerry, I would find children who attended his meetings, and I would plant a seed into their lives. Every time I blessed another family’s child, my own children were then blessed by someone else.

Next I learned how to name my seed and watch the harvest manifest. For instance, when our family wanted to take a costly vacation, we would plant a seed into someone else’s vacation and believe for the return on ours. I found out that naming our seed would work in every area of our lives.

Once I became involved in JSMI missions, I learned the same seed principle would work in the spirit realm just like it does in the financial realm—and it would work anywhere in the world. In 1981, I made my first trip to Kenya, East Africa. At the time I had never been anywhere other than Oklahoma and Texas, but I knew if I just watched Brother Jerry as I was led by the Spirit of God, I would be okay.

Brother Jerry had sown the first seeds for mass discipleship training years earlier with his open-air crusades in Africa. During these crusades he firmly planted the Word of God into the people who came to hear him speak. By 1981, it was apparent the current need was to sow the seed of God’s Word into the ministers who had been raised up in that country following the open-air crusades. We began to hold special seminars for these pastors, and at the same time, we established our first Bible schools. These schools were initially a one-year program, but they quickly developed into a two-year course.

Although we were sowing a different kind of seed than money through our Bible schools, I saw firsthand that the seed principle was still in operation. After the pastors finished their training, they would then plant the seed into others that had been sown into them. As a result of Brother Jerry’s setting this principle of seedtime and harvest in motion, the lives of many people were changed. Brother Jerry recognized that the materials we sowed into our Bible schools were the key to discipleship training: the more seed we planted, the more disciples we could train.

Jesus said, “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples” (John 15:8). Since those first crusades, Jerry Savelle Ministries International has planted seed all over the world. This seed has changed the lives of countless people who once had little or no hope. Today we have many outreaches throughout Africa, and they keep on growing. Those first little seeds we planted are still producing much kingdom fruit, just as Jesus said they would:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches” (Matthew 13:31–32).

To date, some 7,290 pastors who have used our materials have graduated from our Bible schools. These pastors are the fruit of the seed that has continued to be planted over the last four decades. JSMI now has an eBook Bible school that allows us to train pastors in Tanzania, Uganda, Congo, Ethiopia, Sudan, Zambia, Malawi, Botswana, and South Africa.

The spiritual, financial, and humanitarian seeds that have been planted all over Africa have now spread into other parts of the world. Brother Jerry’s materials are now being used in Australia, China, Costa Rica, India, Marshall Island, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Ukraine, Nigeria, Malaysia,
and Indonesia. What’s more, we’ve just initiated a training outreach to First Nations pastors all over Canada. (The First Nations are the various Aboriginal peoples in Canada.)

When God plants the seed of His Word in you and you plant that seed in others, it will never die. His Word will continue to produce what He intended it to produce, just as He said: “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

I’ve learned that one of the best seeds we can plant is the seed to build relationships. The importance of sowing seeds of integrity and faithfulness cannot be overemphasized. Building long-term relationships with indigenous people all over the world is what has opened doors for JSMI today—doors that no man can shut. Local pastors and leaders trust us, and they allow us access to continue sowing the Word of God.

When you plant a good seed into relationships, that relationship will extend from generation to generation. We are currently working with men and women of God whom we have had relationships with for years—and these relationships are perpetuating to their children and grandchildren.

Knowing that God is faithful to His Word, you can confidently declare that any seed you plant will produce much fruit!

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**Your Future Begins**

by Justin Bridges

THE WORD FUTURE means “something that will exist or come to be.” During childhood, there’s one question about the future that seems to be on every kid’s mind: What do I want to be when I grow up? Or people may ask the child, “What do you want to do with your future?”

The answer to these questions—whether it is a baseball player, a teacher, or the president of the United States—is often followed by an example of a successful athlete or someone whose influence has changed the lives of others or the world.

As adults, the future is something we are either expectant or fearful about. There seems to be so many unknowns about the future—at least that’s what Satan and the natural world would have us think. In reality, however, if we understood how God’s kingdom operates, if we understood that success in life hinges totally upon the principle of “seedtime and harvest,” we would not be sitting back just waiting for our future to happen. We would instead be planting seeds today that would produce a future harvest tomorrow.

Just think about this: your future is a harvest. You are where you are today because of the decisions you made yesterday. Likewise, your future will be the harvest of the seeds of decision that you plant today. These seeds are actually shaping your future. The success in every area of your life—your marriage, your family, your finances, or your physical body—depends upon the principle of seedtime and harvest.

If all you do is plant fast food and refined sugar into your body, your future health is in jeopardy. Just as success in any occupation or field of competition is forged by the seeds of practice and study, so our lives are forged by what we practice and study.

As we look to the Word of God, we see the principle of seedtime and harvest is not something man created. It is something God, the Creator of all things, established: “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22). Not only did God establish this principle, it is something He operates by.

The Word of God is filled with stories that illustrate the principle of seedtime and harvest, but I want to give an illustration from just one, known as “the parable of the sower”:

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

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And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Mark 4:3–9).

In other words, Jesus was saying, “Look guys, you need to grasp this, because if you grasp it, your life will never be the same.” He wanted the multitude that had gathered to understand the key principle of sowing: the sower’s future was dependent on his present action. If the sower didn’t go out to sow today, he would never go out and harvest tomorrow.

The parable of the sower also illustrates another vital biblical truth: although success is part of God’s plan for your life, it is not automatic. Success is going to require that you provide the right actions to get the right results. The sower’s success was dependent on planting the right things. Likewise, your life of success is dependent on planting the right things.

Then, once you have planted the right things, it is time to trust the process. Jesus uncovered this principle in His parable of the growing seed:

And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come” (Mark 4:26–29).

From this parable we see that when we make the decision to plant the right seeds, eventually the harvest will spring up, grow up, and bring forth something great. It is not up to us to figure out how God brings about our future harvest or future success; it is up to us to sow the right seeds today so that in time they will spring up and become something great.

I want to encourage you to step back and take a look at your life and the kind of seeds you are sowing for your future. As yourself these questions:

- What can I sow in my marriage today to bring about a successful marriage tomorrow?
- What can I sow in my children today to bring about successful children tomorrow?
- What can I sow in my physical body today to bring about better health tomorrow?
- What financial seeds should I sow today to bring about financial harvest tomorrow?
- What can I sow today that will enable me to realize the dream God has placed in my heart?

Your future begins now, so make the decision to sow the seeds today that will bring about your harvest tomorrow. We are believing with you that God is bringing you and your family to the next level of your adventure in faith.

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I know you probably hadn’t yet received my letter and check, but God saw my heart and my act of obedience. Again, thank you for your ministry.

R.C.—Chattanooga, Tennessee

I want to give God all the glory. When I became a partner with JSMI and started giving monthly in July, 2014, the Lord blessed me with a new job in August—praise God! Psalm 37:4 says “Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” God truly gave me the desires of my heart.

Patricia—Fort Worth, Texas

A little over two years ago I had to start my life over on my own. Although I owned a piece of land and had a little money in savings, I was renting a single room in a friend’s house and working at a minimum-wage job. My needs were met and my bills were paid, but I wasn’t progressing. My land hadn’t sold and I was still depending on my savings.

Then I read your book, Expect the Unexpected, and I realized I hadn’t fully trusted the Lord in my finances. So I prayed, “Father, I’m going to trust you in everything. I need a new car, I need a better job, and I need to sell my land.” Then I sowed a seed into your ministry for the sale of my land.

A day and a half later I had a contract from a cash buyer for my land. The money is in the bank and my new car is on the way. God bless you (as I know He will continue to do). I’m believing for extraordinary things every day—praise the Lord!

Pamela

I am now driving a 2014 Honda Civic that is being paid for (including insurance) by the company that employs me. They have also mentioned other benefits they want to bless me with, and those are still in the works. I have worked for this company for a year, and in that time their business has been abundantly blessed. I am expecting greater things for all of us. I am blessed to be a blessing!

Paula—Kansas City, Missouri

I have been sowing seed for my children’s home to sell. Praise God! Today they signed the contracts to sell it to the buyer. God is good. Thank you for standing with me in faith.

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