



FOUR THINGS THAT AFFECT HARVEST

KINGDOM HARVEST
Part 4

Discern the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Acts 20:7 (The Passion Translation)

7 On Sunday we gathered to take communion and to hear Paul preach. Because he was planning to leave the next day, he continued speaking until past midnight.

Revelation 5:6 (Literal Standard Version)

6 and I saw, and behold, in the midst of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the Seven Spirits of God, which are sent to all the earth,

#1 The Seed

(quality of the seed / quantity of the seed)

The quality of the seed:

Matthew 13:37-39 (NCV) - ³⁷ Jesus answered, "The man who planted **the good seed** in the field is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed are all of God's children who belong to the kingdom. The weeds are those people who belong to the Evil One. ³⁹ And the enemy who planted **the bad seed** is the devil. The harvest time is the end of the age, and the workers who gather are God's angels.

- **1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)** - ²³ For you have been born again, not of **perishable seed**, but of **imperishable**, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Seed

(quality of the seed / quantity of the seed)

The quantity of the seed:

Deuteronomy 28:38 (NIV)

³⁸ You will sow **much seed** in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (GNT)

⁶ Remember that the person who plants **few seeds** will have a small crop; the one who plants **many seeds** will have a large crop.

#2 The Soil

- It is our responsibility to examine the soil we sow into.
- It is important to sow into many grounds, however, do not sow randomly. Name your seed and target the ground.

-For example,

Hebrews 7:7

(NIV) – ⁷ “And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater.”

(NKJV) – ⁷ Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

Therefore, for you to effectively sow and receive a harvest of wealth (abundance) in any aspect, your target is to sow into the wealthy in order to receive a harvest of wealth in your life.

The Soil

Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

40 “Anyone who welcomes **you** welcomes **me**, and anyone who welcomes **me** welcomes **the one** who sent me.

41 Whoever welcomes a **prophet** as a prophet will receive a **prophet's reward**, and whoever welcomes a **righteous person** as a righteous person will receive a **righteous person's reward**.

42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these **little ones** who **is my disciple**, truly I tell you, that person will certainly **not lose their reward**.”

Example of Prophet's reward

2 Kings 4:10 (NIV)

10 Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us."

2 Kings 4:17 (NIV)

17 But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

#3 Factors such as...

- The spiritual atmosphere, physical preparedness, etc.
- How is the spiritual atmosphere of your life and the seed you sowed? Are you watering the seeds you sowed? If so, how are you watering the seeds?
- After planting your seed, the word of God is the water to use in order to water your seeds and be guaranteed that your seeds will bring forth a harvest.
- How prepared are you to receive a harvest? While waiting for your seeds to produce the expected harvest, use the waiting season to prepare yourself for the harvest so that your harvest will be a blessing indeed.

#4 Discerning the harvest

- Your ability to discern the harvest (by being spirit led) will prevent you from dropping your harvest.
- The Holy Spirit is the only one who can help you discern your harvest and He does so by opening up your physical eyes and your understanding to see and know when your harvest is ready.
- **To discern is different from speculating.** To discern requires the Holy Spirit and to speculate, is guess work. To discern is to perceive, recognize, to be aware, conscious, and to identify.

Discerning the harvest

- Remember, your lack of discernment can cause you to drop your harvest. Case in point: Peter and the Church.
- **Acts 12:5 NKJV** - ⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Discerning the harvest

- **Acts 12:12-15 NKJV** - ¹² So, when he had considered *this*, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. ¹³ And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. ¹⁵ But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

3 lessons we can learn from this story as concerns harvest:

- 1) We are told that Rhoda recognized the harvest (Peter) and instead of harvesting, she ran back to the house leaving Peter at the door.

Acts 12:14 - ¹⁴ When she **recognized Peter's voice**, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.

*Sometimes, we do not need a second opinion during harvest.

*When the fruit is ripe, harvest, lest you drop the harvest.

3 lessons we can learn from this story as concerns harvest:

2) Harvest season can be busier than the seed sowing season; so do not let your emotions get in the way, lest you delay and drop your harvest.

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3) During harvest season, it is not your responsibility to convince those around you that is your harvest season. It could be harvest for you, but night for another.

*Prevent your harvest from dropping by responding promptly.

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Jesus knew that discerning the harvest could be a challenge for most and made this statement:

○ John 4:35 NKJV

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

- It is not in our place to predetermine how long it should take before we reap a harvest.
- Our greatest responsibility is to rely on the Holy Spirit to help us discern the harvest.
- He will lead us on where to harvest, when to harvest, what to harvest and more.

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