

Abound in Kingdom Harvest

1) The Principle of Kingdom Harvest

Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

Seedtime and harvest is a principle in the bible, therefore, it suffices to say that emphasis can be placed on each of them for proper understanding although harvest proceeds seedtime. The word reap and harvest are often used interchangeably. The word harvest is a term commonly and frequently used in the agricultural setting to refer to the process or period of gathering crops. One way to easily understand spiritual harvest is to view it from a physical perspective. Jesus used the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15) to expose to us from a physical perspective, spiritual truths about harvest.

Unlike the kingdom principle of sowing, harvest is not a topic in the kingdom that is frequently talked about partly because

- 1) Of complete ignorance
- 2) The devil talked us out this kingdom principle
- 3) We think we do not have a part to play – our cooperation is not needed after sowing seeds.

Think about these 3 factors we just mentioned from a physical perspective. A farmer who is completely ignorant about the harvest process, who does not understand how harvest works or who thinks his or her cooperation is not needed during harvest, will certainly suffer loss.

Therefore, as kingdom citizens, we should seek more opportunities to learn more about the principle of harvest.

Before getting into some details of the principle of harvest, there are quite a few things we can extrapolate from Genesis 8:22 which serves as the foundation of our studies with emphasis on harvest. It says “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

- Kingdom Harvest is a principle in scripture. A principle is different from a miracle. Harvest can be miraculous and we will expound on that later but never forget that it is a principle. Simply defined, a miracle is an extraordinary event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore attributed to a divine power. A principle is a kind of rule, belief, or idea that guides a person. Therefore, when it comes to the principle of kingdom harvest, there are guiding rules in order to succeed. It is not automatic.
- Kingdom Harvest happens on earth. Therefore, expect to harvest. “While the earth remains...” (Genesis 8:22 NKJV). There are earthly rewards which we can get through harvest and there are heavenly rewards as well. So, do not confuse these truths and let the enemy deceive you into thinking that you do not deserve to enjoy harvest here on earth.
- Kingdom Harvest proceeds seedtime. “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, (Genesis 8:22 NKJV). Seedtime precedes harvest according to this principle.
- Kingdom Harvest is a season and it is time sensitive. We understand from Ecclesiastes 3:1(NIV) “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”
It is time sensitive - Proverbs 10:5 (NIV) – “He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.” There is a possibility to miss out during the harvest season.
- Still according to Genesis 8:22, we can say the principle of kingdom harvest is a relationship. A relationship to partner with God to become a blessing to God’s children. Kingdom harvest is a way of God handing back responsibility to man. Or, giving man an opportunity to cooperate with Him in order to enjoy His benefits to man. A person who is comfortable living according to principle, is a person who enjoys the gift of relationship. Kingdom harvest brings that to the table.
- Kingdom Harvest is man’s responsibility, not God’s. Reaping is not automatic.

- Kingdom Harvest/reaping is by faith. Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NIV) – “Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. In the kingdom, harvest/reaping is guided by a word from the Lord”. When you receive a word from the Lord whether or not conditions are unfavorable, still harvest.
- Kingdom Harvest is a spirit led activity. Meaning it is godly, not carnal. It is not something done by the rule of the flesh, rather the spirit and that is why we established in the previous point that it is by faith. For example, Genesis 26:1-6, 12-13 about Isaac.

Genesis 26:1-6 (NIV)

Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar. The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. ³Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions.”

So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

Genesis 26:12-13 (NIV)

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

It is noteworthy to restate that as kingdom citizens, we sow in faith and we harvest/reap in faith. The principle of seedtime and the principle of harvest work together. Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

2) Kingdom Harvest Highlights!

Luke 5:1-7 (NIV)

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

- **Obedience** is the starting point when it comes to kingdom harvest. Obedience is a qualifier for harvest and a principle clearly stated in the word of God and should be fully embraced. Luke 5:3 (NIV) – “He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat”. The understanding when we read into the story is that Peter obeyed the Lord and as a result, the Lord was able to preach the kingdom of God to the multitudes from his boat. It was because of obedience that Isaac was able to stay in Gerar during a famine such that he planted and reaped a hundredfold harvest. Obedience to the truth that our cooperation is needed in the harvest process. Obedience to the truth that harvest is a kingdom principle.

Obedience in harvest will mean harvesting where He says you should harvest; when He says it; the way He says it; how it should be done. This will require your ability to hear from Him and talk with Him.

- **Faith** – Verse 4; “When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Peter received a word from the Lord prior to his great harvest. The word he received was the only guarantee he had that he will harvest despite his past failures. It is worth restating here that harvest is by faith and it is spirit led. A word from the Lord makes all the difference when it comes to harvest. Can you have faith enough to minister to God’s children while patiently waiting for your own word (instruction) when it comes to harvest? We are looking at faith in two aspects;
 - a) Faith when it comes to investing the message of the kingdom in others.
 - b) Faith when it comes to receiving a word for your circumstance (in this case harvest).

- **Trust** – Past failures can become hindrances to kingdom harvest and that is why it takes a person of trust to experience harvest, the kingdom way. We are told in verse 1 and 2 – “One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets”. The reason why the fishermen were washing their nets is because they had toiled all night but no catch. However, Peter trusted the Lord well enough to launch out into the deep in order to get a great harvest. How well we trust the Lord will determine how great our harvest will be.

- **Diligence** – One guarantee we have when we sow is that we will harvest. Also, we need to understand that when we diligently attend to the seasons of our lives, harvest will not pass us by.
Proverbs 10:4-5 (NIV) - “Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son”.

Proverbs 20:4 (NKJV) – “The lazy *man* will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and *have* nothing”.

3) Myths Vs. Truths to Kingdom Harvest

- Kingdom harvest is automatic – God requires our cooperation.
- You will reap (harvest) a hundredfold when you sow – Many factors come into play after sowing in order to guarantee a hundredfold return. That is why there is something known as the 30fold, 60fold and 100fold when it comes to harvest. It is possible to get no fold when you do not reap.
- We only receive our harvest in heaven – As long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest. Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) - “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”
- Kingdom harvest can be done at any time – Kingdom harvest is seasonal. Proverbs 10:4-5 (NIV) - “Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son”.
- You do not need to sow after harvest – it is a continuous process. He gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater. The harvest process provides you with more opportunities to have seed in order to sow. Never stop sowing and never stop harvesting. Do it for as long as the earth remains. Galatians 6:9 (KJV) - And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- You ***only*** reap what you sow – The bible says Galatians 6:7 (KJV) - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. It does not say that what you sow is the only thing you will reap. There is something known as a miraculous harvest as seen in the case of Peter when he received a word from the Lord prior to his harvest. We are told in Luke 5:5-7 (NKJV) that

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

A miraculous harvest is relationship based. Meaning, many factors need to fall in place such as obedience, saith, trust, diligence, otherwise we limit our harvest quantity and quality. Please note that the miracle is more in the amount of harvest not the fact that you did not sow and should expect a harvest.

4) How to Reap a Harvest - Confessions Over Your Seed Sown (Awaking A Dormant Seed)

Family, it is important that we reap a harvest and before we do so, it is important to understand the dynamics going on after a seed is sown. When we read

James 5:4 (NKJV)

Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

We realize that the harvest cries out and the harvesters (reapers) cry out. If that is the case, how then do we relieve the harvest and the harvester? It gives us the answer, to cry out to the Lord of Sabaoth (The Lord of Angels armies).

We can begin by rebuking the enemy holding back our harvest, then release ministering angels to go bring our harvest.

Another way to guarantee our harvest is by speaking the word of God. The words of our mouth is very important when it comes to our harvest. Understand what the word has to say concerning your harvest, declare the word and make confessions in line with the word.

Let's begin... Part 1:

Genesis 8:22 NKJV

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

Therefore, I sow my seeds in faith knowing that the principle of seedtime and harvest is working on my behalf/for me. Seed! Bring forth a harvest. I am expecting a harvest.

Genesis 1:11 NKJV

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.

Therefore, I have sown financial seeds and I am expecting them to produce after its own kind in the form of financial blessings/harvest.

Mark 4:26-27 NKJV

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.

Therefore, I am expecting every seed that I have sown to grow up, to spring up and to produce an abundant harvest.

Job 36:11 NKJV

If they obey and serve *Him*, They shall spend their days in prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.

Therefore, because I have been obedient to God and have sown my seeds, I expect my days to be filled with prosperity and my years with pleasure.

Psalms 115:12 and 14 NKJV

The LORD has been mindful of *us*; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will
bless the house of Aaron.

May the LORD give you increase more and more,
You and your children.

Therefore, because God has seen my sowing His mind is continually on me, I am expecting more
and more financial blessings and more and more financial increase to come into my life and into
the life of my children.

Luke 6:38 NKJV

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.”

Therefore, I am expecting good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over
harvest from every seed that I have sown.

2 Corinthians 9:6 NKJV

But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will
also reap bountifully.

Therefore, I am expecting a bountiful harvest because I am a bountiful sower.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV

And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in
all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Therefore, I am expecting to have all sufficiency, more than enough, abounding in financial
blessings so that I am able to sow into every good work as the Holy spirit impresses upon me.

2 Chronicles 20:20 NKJV

So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

Therefore, since I do believe in the Lord my God and I believe what His prophet has spoken about in 2019 being my year of the "place of abundance", I am expecting this each day of this year for the word to come to pass in my life. So be it. In Jesus Name.

Part 2: Let's...

- Water our seeds
- Expect a harvest
- Keep the weeds out of our harvest

Isaiah 30:23 NASB

Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

Therefore, because the Lord will give me rain for the seed with which I have sown to the ground, I will reap a rich and plenteous harvest.

Jeremiah 31:5 NIV

"Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; The planters will plant and will enjoy them.

Therefore, I am a planter (a seed sower) and every seed I plant, I will enjoy.

James 3:18 NASB

And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Therefore, I am a peacemaker, I have sown in peace and I will reap a harvest of righteousness.

Psalm 126:5-6 NASB

Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Therefore, every seed I sowed sacrificially, I will reap and reap joyfully.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Therefore, because I have not grown weary in sowing my seeds and praying for a harvest, I expect to reap a great harvest.

5) Kingdom Harvest is a Principle and can be Miraculous

Miraculous harvest do not usually come from very obvious places so it will be unwise to pre-calculate the medium through which the Lord will bless you. Obedience and faith are the key to miraculous harvest.

-When you act in faith by doing what God delights in, you can be guaranteed the miraculous (hundredfold plus) harvest in 2 Corinthians 9:8.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (MSG)- God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.

So, how much is a hundredfold exactly? We often think of it as 100 times the original seed sown, but in reality it can be much greater than that. More accurately, the hundredfold return is simply the greatest possible return on any particular seed sown. For example, a hundredfold return on an grape fruit seed would be a strong, healthy tree that produces an abundance of high quality grape fruits every year. When we believe God for the hundredfold return in our lives, we believe for the greatest possible return on every seed we sow!

You can discover what the greatest possible return on your seed sown is by spending time with God in worship and prayer. After we tithe and sow seed, our role is to let Him reveal to us what we should believe for in regard to our harvest.

-Isaac's harvest was a hundredfold and miraculous.

a) He planted during famine and received a hundredfold harvest. Famine is not a time when farmers are encouraged to plant seeds. It was an unlikely condition to receive a harvest. Nevertheless, Isaac operated by faith and obedience. As a result, received his harvest.

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-Peter's harvest was miraculous. It was miraculous because

a) It took faith and obedience to do what Peter did. He was a professional and knew exactly what he meant when he said they had toiled all night and caught nothing. Nevertheless, he did not allow his professionalism, his fisherman knowledge, nor the disappointments and tiredness he felt superceed his faith and obedience.

Luke 5:1-7 (NIV)

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Family remember that when it comes to a miraculous harvest, relationship with the king is imperative. It is not a quick fix activity. It takes time to build relationship and it takes effort to maintain it. Why is relationship imperative. It is because

- i) We do not only need the Lord at the level of the harvest. You need instruction on where to sow and immediately your seed is planted, you need to start inclining your ears to hear what instruction He plans to give you when it comes to the harvest. All these steps are relationship dependent.
- ii) Faith is only possible when we relate with Him by spending time in the word. Faith is the word. The word of God is a necessary tool in bringing forth a hundredfold/miraculous harvest.
- iii) As a child of God, obedience is as a result of relationship. We obey because we love Him. We obey because it is evidence of our growth. We obey because we acknowledge that He knows best and has our best interest at heart. If that is the case, we ought to obey when it comes to His instructions on when, where, how to sow and harvest.

6) Kingdom Harvest Discuss!

Overtime, farmers will literally know what affects their harvest and find ways to take care of it. So, it is with kingdom harvest. There are many factors that affect kingdom harvest and for the purpose of this study, we will identify 4 factors.

- There are 4 things that affect your harvest;
 - 1) The Seed (quality of the seed, quantity of the seed) - The quality (how good the seed is) and the quantity (how many seeds there are
 - 2) The Soil (person, organization, etc.) – 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, if your target is “wealth” in the kingdom, a good scripture to use is Hebrews 7:7 (NIV) – “And without doubt the lesser is blessed by

the greater.” Therefore, for you to effectively sow and receive a harvest of wealth, your target is to sow into the wealthy in order to receive a harvest of wealth in your life.

- 3) Rain and Sunshine (environmental factors e.g. 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.

***Remember, your lack of discernment can cause you to drop your harvest.**

Case in point: Peter and the Church.

Acts 12:5 NKJV - Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Acts 12:12-15 NKJV - 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. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. 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. But they said to her, “You are beside yourself!” Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, “It is his angel.”

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

- 1) We are told that Rhoda **recognized** (Acts 12:14) the harvest (Peter) and instead of harvesting, she ran back to the house leaving Peter at the door. *Sometimes, we do not need a second opinion during harvest. When the fruit is ripe, harvest, lest you drop the harvest.
- 2) Harvest season can be busier than the seed sowing season; so do not let your emotions get in the way. So do not let your emotions get in the way, lest you delay and drop your harvest. We are told in Acts 12:14 NKJV - 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.
- 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. Acts 12:14-15 (NKJV) - 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. But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" **Yet she kept insisting** that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

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

John 4:35 NKJV

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.

➤ **Everything in the kingdom is seedtime and harvest**

Some laws that govern kingdom harvest include;

- 1) We reap based on how we treat our local church. The people, the building and the contents. Haggai 1:4-11 (NKJV).

Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this ^[a]temple to lie in ruins?" ⁵ Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

⁶ "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." ⁷ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! ⁸ Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the ^[b]temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD. ⁹ "You looked for much, but indeed *it came to* little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that *is in* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. ¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. ¹¹ For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of *your* hands."

The key to Haggai is that, "you sowed much and brought in little." Therefore, your harvest was affected.

-To build the house of God is the best seed you can sow if you want a home.

-Do you go to church? First things first.

-If you do not go to church, how do you even know the state of the house of God?

- 2) Your harvest should never be smaller than your seed sown. If it is, it therefore means you are either living in disobedience (e.g. forsaking the house of God) or operating under a curse.

- 3) Reaping is usually in proportion to the seed sown.
- Quantity: Meaning large seed will produce a large harvest; definitely, larger than the seed sown (for e.g. the harvest received from a grain of corn planted versus the harvest received from many grains of corn, will vary).
 - Quality: The quality of your seed will affect your harvest. Examine your seed before sowing it. A bad seed may not produce any harvest at all.
- 4) We reap only where seeds have been sown Galatians 6:7-8

Galatians 6:7-8 NKJV

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.

- Reaping is not always unto yourself. E.g. Your seed of prayers for another person will cause that person to receive a harvest. Just like it will for you if someone else was praying for you.
- Do not deceive yourself and do not let anyone else deceive you that God can be mocked. Most often, we make statements like, “I did not even pray for these but God gave me”; “I did not work for this but I got it”, etc.

God cannot be mocked, there is someone sowing seeds of prayers, finances, love, etc. for you somewhere.

Summarily, you can become a beneficiary of a harvest in which you did not sow a seed for. However, the principle remains unchanged “You reap where seeds are sown”.

- 5) We reap the same kind of seed sown – direct your seed, name it.

Genesis 1:11 NKJV

God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.

Corn seeds produce corn; Bean seeds produce beans, etc. These are very obvious however, when we sow finances, it is not every time that we desire finances in return. So, when you sow your finances, and desire something else in return, it is your responsibility to name your seed and give it an assignment.

The benefit of naming your seed and giving it an assignment is that it eases the process of discerning your harvest. You also know what to look out for.

6) Patience is a key factor when it comes to reaping. We reap in a different season when sown - time is a factor between sowing and reaping.

- Sometimes, what may seem like delay may be the Lord preparing you for the harvest that will come. Developing a lifestyle of patience takes time and the time might be longer for one person than the other.

The purpose of harvest is for it to be a blessing to you and others. So, develop yourself so that your harvest will be a blessing indeed.

7) Our testimony produces a full harvest – your testimony releases the harvest. When we do not testify, our harvest is held back. When we testify, it is our expression of acknowledgement and gratitude to the world of what the Lord has done.

- Our testimony is our praise to God and He is pleased when we praise Him. Amen.

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