

**I Will Always Harvest (Reap) What I Plant (Sow)**  
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† Proverbs 14:30, "The earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness will be certain to reap a sure reward" (PAR).

**The Biblical Principles Of Planting (Sowing) & Harvesting (Reaping) Mean:**

1. Everything in life \_\_\_\_\_.

† Genesis 1:11, "Then God said, 'Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.' And that is what happened" (NLT).

• Seeds have \_\_\_\_\_.

† Zechariah 4:10, "People should not think that small beginnings are unimportant . . ." (NCV).

† Job 8:7, "Though what you start with will seem small and insignificant, you will end up with much in the future (PAR).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

• Planting is an \_\_\_\_\_.

† John 12:24, "I can guarantee this truth: A single grain of wheat doesn't produce anything unless it is planted in the ground and dies. If it dies, it will produce a lot of grain" (GWT).

• John 12:24 stresses this biblical principle to apply: Whenever I have a \_\_\_\_\_, I plant a \_\_\_\_\_.

• Planting is an \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Whatever I \_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_.

† Genesis 1:12, 21, 25, "Each seed grew its own kind of plant. God saw that all this was good . . . <sup>21</sup>The sea is filled with these living things, with each one producing more of its own kind. He also made every bird that flies, and each bird produced more of its own kind. God saw that this was good . . . <sup>25</sup>So God made the wild animals, the tame animals, and all the small crawling animals to produce more of their own kind" (NCV).

† Galatians 6:7b, "Do not deceive yourselves . . . A person will harvest whatever he plant" (ISV).

† Proverbs 26:27, "If you set a trap for others, you will get caught in it yourself. If you roll a boulder down on others, it will crush you instead" (NLT).

† Hosea 10:13, "You planted wickedness and now you have reaped evil" (NIV).

4. I \_\_\_\_\_.

• \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_.

† Joshua 24:15, "But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve . . . as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD" (NLT).

† John 4:38, "I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest" (NLT).

5. The time I \_\_\_\_\_.

† Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven" (NLT).

• Remember: While I am \_\_\_\_\_, God is \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I will always \_\_\_\_\_. This is also called the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Mark 4:8, “Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” (NLT).
- † Matthew 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (NKJV).

7. I can \_\_\_\_\_ what I reap by sowing \_\_\_\_\_ seed. This is also called the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

- † 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, “Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup>You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully” (NLT).

- The Greek word translated as “cheerfully” is [ἡλάρως, hilaros]. It is where we get our English word “\_\_\_\_\_.” God says, “When you give your tithe, you give so much that you fall over with laughter going, ‘I cannot believe I just gave that much tithe to my church.’”
- A seed is anything I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- This also called the principle of \_\_\_\_\_ and it works for anyone, even unbelievers.

- † Proverbs 11:24, “The world of the generous gets larger and larger; but the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller” (MES).

8. When is the time to sow or plant? — \_\_\_\_\_! This is the principle of \_\_\_\_\_ — one of the most powerful forces on the planet.

- † Ecclesiastes 11:4, “Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; those who look at every cloud will never harvest crops” (NCV).
- † Ecclesiastes 11:6, “Do your planting in the morning and in the evening, too! You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other” (GNT).
- † 2 Corinthians 9:10 “For God, who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you” (NLT).

- The Bible says having \_\_\_\_\_ with another person is planting or sowing seeds.

- † 1 Corinthians 9:11, “We have sown spiritual seed among you. Is it too much if we reap material benefits from you?” (GNB).

9. Reaping a harvest requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_..

- † Mark 4:26-29, “Jesus also said, ‘The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. <sup>29</sup>And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come” (NLT).
- † Galatians 6:9-10, “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith” (NLT).

- What do you do with “crop failures?” You start focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_ in your life, not the \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Psalms 126:5-6, Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. <sup>6</sup>They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest” (NLT).

- † Matthew 5:4, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (ESV).