

**WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?**

How does your garden grow? Spring means many things and one of those is putting out the garden. Many people can't wait for the soil temperatures to be warm enough to put some things in the ground. This annual ritual produces a harvest of good eating during the Summer and Fall.

Let me make a spiritual application because the NT speaks of our Christian life as a type of garden. Paul wrote the Corinthians that we are to be planting and watering so that God can give the increase (1Cor. 3:6-8). He also spoke to Timothy telling him that it is the hard working farmer that should receive the first share of the crops (2Tim. 2:6). And my favorite, along these lines, that whatever a man sows, that he will also reap (Gal. 6:7).

What are you planting spiritually speaking? Do you consider that it is possible to go through life and have no spiritual harvest when the "grim reaper comes?" In the parable of the sower, Jesus said that the seed that is to be sown in our hearts is the word of God (Lk. 8:11). Planting the word now through the diligence of Bible study means a harvest of righteous living.

What are you watering spiritually? Ignore your soul and the weeds of sin will grow and take over so that nothing worthwhile can produce. Cultivation of one's spiritual life means a life of prayer, meditation, and serving.

The harvest is soon coming for Jesus will have His sickle and reap the earth (Rev. 14:14-20). Will your spiritual harvest include fruit or just chaff?

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