

# Harvest: The Vine

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Story about Harvis the Exterminator

God spoke through that encounter that we would soon enter into a season of Harvest.

Definition of Harvest is :

the consequence of an effort or activity;  
reap: gather, as of natural products;  
the gathering of a ripened crop

Anyone that has planted knows through only one season that a harvest gathered before it is ready is of little value and a harvest gathered after it is ready is of little value.

Starting a new series this week talking about Harvest.

First, though, I want to lay some ground work about harvest that will be used throughout this series in the form of 4 principles of Harvest.

1. The Law of sowing and reaping is universal.

Over-arching guide of this series is the principle of sowing and reaping.

Gen 8:22

“While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
And cold and heat,  
And summer and winter,  
And day and night  
Shall not cease.”

2. What you sow determines what you reap.

Galatians 6:7 says, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

What you sow determines the kind of crop you reap.

In farming, if you want to reap a harvest of corn, you don't sow wheat seed, and if you want to reap a harvest of wheat, you don't sow cabbage seed.

3. There is a time lapse between sowing and reaping

Paul says in v7 to not be deceived. Why? Because if you don't understand the fact that time must pass between these 2, you WILL be deceived into thinking that this sowing your doing will not have a reaping consequence.

4. The quality of your harvest is determined primarily by what YOU do during the time lapse.

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Verse 8 of that same chapter goes on to say, “For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

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Abiding—Enduring or continuing. Abide means to remain