

Everyone understands the laws of the physical universe – the law of gravity, for example. And only a foolish person would try to ignore them. But, there are spiritual laws that are just as irrefutable – the Harvest Law, for example. The wise will acknowledge it and enjoy its benefits. The Harvest Law is stated most succinctly in Gal 6:7, it is best explained in II Cor 9:6-15. In this passage we'll discover four principles, six results, and one great example of the Harvest Law at work.

- I. The principles' of God's harvest law
 - A. Investment – we only reap if we sow
 - If a farmer wants to reap corn late in the summer, he must sow the corn in the spring.
 - Jesus touched on this principle in John 12:24
 - Failure to observe God's Harvest Law may be one reason why wealth brings such little joy to many who have it.
 - B. Identity – We reap only what we sow – Gal 6:8
 - I cannot sow criticism and expect to get understanding, anger and expect peace...
 - C. Increase – We reap more than we sow – Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."
 - God's bounty is realized in more than just money; the blessing of God comes in many ways. Whatever we invest – kindness, love, money, ministry – there will be an increase.
 - D. Interval – We reap later than we sow – Gal 6:9
 - In the world of agriculture, who sets the time gap between sowing and reaping? Nature does. In the spiritual realm, who controls the timetable? God does.
 - Our responsibility is to be faithful to sow; God's is to be faithful to bring the harvest.
- II. The Products of God's harvest law
 - A. We prosper spiritually and financially – II Cor 9:10
 - As we sow financially into the kingdom of God, we are blessed with increasing spiritual maturity as well and having our financial needs met.
 - B. We prove our love for God – II Cor 9:13
 - It's one thing to say we love Christ, but it's another to give sacrificially in His name.
 - C. We provide for those in need – II Cor 9:12
 - When the Corinthians gave toward the needs of the church in Jerusalem, their gifts supplied need.
 - Giving to the local church go to provide for ministries to children, young people, and adults either through the church or mission agencies.
 - D. We provoke many thanksgivings to God – II Cor 9:11, 12 & 15
 - When we give financially it begins a chain reaction – James 1:17
 - So your single gift results in a multitude of thanks being given to God.
 - E. We promote prayer in our behalf – II Cor 9:14

- Those who are blessed by our giving pray to God for us, thanking Him for His grace at work in our lives and praying that our needs will be met.
- F. We purchase greater opportunity to give again – II Cor 9:8
 - Vs 8 say that we, from our sowing, will “have an abundance for every good work.”
 - God does not bless us so we can hoard His blessing for ourselves, but so we can pass on the blessing to others.
- III. The perfect example of God’s harvest law – II Cor 9:15
 - Heb 2:10 says that God is going to bring “many sons to glory.”
 - Jesus became “the firstborn among many brothers” – Rom 8:29
 - Sowing and reaping for eternal profit.....ARE YOUR HANDS OPEN?

Ques: Read Gal 6:7-10

1. What does the word “whatever” suggest? How all-inclusive is the harvest law?
2. What would be an example of losing heart, say, when sowing financially to the Lord?
3. List as many “opportunities” to “do good” as you can think of that might occur in an average week in your life

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