

LAW OF THE HARVEST – ACTIVITY DAYS MESSAGE

In Galatians 6:7 we read, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. What does that mean? Interpreted literally, it means we will harvest what we plant. That is the first rule of The Law of the Harvest. If you plant tomatoes, you get tomatoes, sunflowers—you get sunflowers. We can’t plant a carrot seed and expect to get watermelons. This rule also applies to other things in our lives, not just gardening. It is the same for our talents, character traits, and learning & living gospel principles.

Things take a while to grow. If we plant corn in May, it won’t be ready until July and pumpkins take all the way until October. This is the second rule of The Law of the Harvest; you sow now and reap the fruit later. Just smiling and saying hi to someone new once, doesn’t bring friendship that same day. You don’t learn how to play the piano by practicing one time. It might take weeks like the corn, months like pumpkins, or maybe even years like fruit trees.

The third rule is a very exciting one. How many apples can come from one apple seed? How much zucchini do you get from one zucchini plant? If you plant in good soil and take care of the seed, you always reap in greater abundance than you sow. We need to plant good character traits & talents and take care of them, then they will be multiplied greatly. One example of this is a story about two young girls just like you. One of them always cared about her friends and took time to help and listen to them. The other was always too busy with school or work and didn’t think about her friends much. As the years went by, the first one was loved in the community with hundreds of friends she had influenced or helped. She was very happy. The second worked hard all of the time, but no one seemed to notice or care. She felt lonely, unappreciated, and sad. Can you see the difference between the two?

There are lots of good things that we can sow now, like being kind, thoughtful, and a good friend or learning how to cook, play a sport, or how to play an instrument. But the most important seed to sow is a testimony of the gospel. Things that will help our testimony grow are: saying our prayers, reading the scriptures, and attending church. Live the commandments the best that you can. These things will make your testimony grow stronger and stronger.

President Uchtdorf said, “Just as earthly seeds require effort and patience, so do many of the blessings of heaven. We cannot put our religion on a shelf and expect to harvest spiritual blessings. But if we plant and nurture gospel standards in our daily life, there is a high probability that we will produce spiritual fruit of great value to us and to future generations. Our goal and great joy is to walk in the footsteps of our Master and Savior and to live good and refined lives so that the promised and precious harvest of God’s priceless blessings can be ours.”

So remember the three rules...we reap what we sow; we sow now and reap later, and we reap in greater abundance than we sow. This is The Law of the Harvest.