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Seed Sowing and Patience

-Jason Wright

If you grew up in the Midwest like I did, you are used to seeing fields that are barren, then disked, planted, then full of growing beans, corn or wheat, and then harvested. It may sound simple, but amazing things must happen in order to reap the harvest. None of this takes place without a seed. Can you imagine a farmer disking and fertilizing his field, never planting a seed, then wondering where is the crop? Not going to happen!

Our God, the Creator knew this from the beginning. *See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food (Gen. 1:29)* Seeds need soil, water, warm temperatures, oxygen, light, and nutrients. The simple truth is that seeds are made to produce under the right conditions.

Something else a seed needs...patience. In the field in front of my house, the farmer planted soybeans in the spring. Was I expecting him to harvest them in two weeks? Certainly not. They take time; patience is needed for them to reach maturity. Then comes the harvest. When it comes to sowing God's Word, it may take months or years for God's word to produce fruit so we must be patient.

The seed also needs a sower. Jesus taught this in Matthew 13/Luke 8. In Mark 4:14 we read, *the sower sows the word*. Farming takes work. Sowing God's Word takes work.

This is where you and I come in. We work together to achieve the harvest. We have the seed...God's Word (Luke 8:1). We know what to do with it...sow it (I Cor. 3). We know it needs water. Paul said, *I planted. Apollos watered, but God gave the increase*. Notice verse 8, *Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor*. None of this works without God, *so then neither is he who plants is anything, neither he who waters, but God who gives the increase (vs 7)*. With God leading the way, when we sow, we will see results.

Remember the parable of the growing seed in Mark 4? The church is compared to the growing seed. The farmer goes about his life day and night, meanwhile, the seed goes about its life...sprout then grow. The farmer wonders how does this happen. It ripens and then the harvest. *Continues on page 2*

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

Is It Not Enough?

Numbers 16:8-11

- Scriptures- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 1:2,2:4, 1 Corinthians 13:8-12, Jeremiah 17:9
- Roles- Ephesians 5:22-23, 1 Timothy 2:8-15
- Worship- John 4:23-34, Hebrews 9:1, 10:1, 12:8-9
- Salvation- Hebrews 5:9, 2 Kings 5:9-14, Colossians 2:16-23, 1 John 1:7, 5:13, John 10:27-30
- God- Numbers 16:11, 1 John 5:3, Luke 6:46, Romans 10:1-4

Seed Sowing...

Here is what we hope comes from that seed. *But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces some a 100 fold; some 60, some 30 (Mt. 13:23)*

Christ knew that comparing seed time and harvest would get the point across when it comes to saving souls. Together, let's sow the seed and be patient!

Numbers 16:8-11

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STAND
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NEAR
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MOSES
COMPLAIN
BRING
SMALL
AARON
LEVI
BRETHREN
KORAH
SERVE
BROUGHT
SONS
THING

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 660 There Is a Habitation (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 26 An Empty Mansion

Prayer

Song: 752 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 756 When We All Get to Heaven (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 583 Sing to Me of Heaven

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home

Scripture Reading: Numbers 16:8-11

Sermon

Song: 23 All Things Are Ready (1, 2, 4)

Song: 378 Just a Few More Days (Vs. 2)

Prayer

Numbers 16:8-11 (NKJV)

- 8 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi:
- 9 *Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to serve them;*
- 10 and that He has brought you near to *Himself*, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also?
- 11 Therefore you and all your company *are* gathered together against the LORD. And what *is* Aaron that you complain against him?"

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23