

## Lessons from the harvest.

### A grateful heart - part 6

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#### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ are part of life.

- a. Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, **his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat**, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Matt 13:24-26NIV
- b. We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For **what I want to do I do not do**, but what I hate I do. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. Rom 7:14-19 NIV

#### 2) You know what you have \_\_\_\_\_ by what you \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows**. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Gal 6:7-10 NIV
- b. Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. Likewise, **the good works of some are clearly evident**, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden. 1 Tim 5:24-25 NKJV

#### 3) We can \_\_\_\_\_ more with our eyes \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_!

- a. Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." But David said to Saul,..."When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. **The LORD who delivered**

**me** from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." 1 Sam 17:33-37 NIV

- b. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 1 Cor 15:37-38 NIV
- c. For it is **by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God**; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation. For the Scriptures tell us that **no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed**. Rom 10:10-12 TLB
- d. And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed** into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:18 RSV

#### 4) Happy \_\_\_\_\_ only follow difficult \_\_\_\_\_!

- a. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that **the testing** of your faith develops perseverance. **Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything**. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:2-6 NIV
- b. Rejoice in the Lord always...The Lord is near. **Do not be anxious** about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Phil 4:4-9 NIV
- c. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, **that he may lift you up** in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, **will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast**. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:6-11 NIV