

Horizon Pointe Church
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Daring Faith Part 6 Daring to Plant in Faith

Last week I shared how we can learn a lot about faith by studying good soldiers, athletes, and farmers.

Today, I want to look a little closer at the farmer.

Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

God's Laws of planting and harvesting:

- The same laws since the beginning of time
- If ignored it will hurt you
- If used wisely it will bless you
- It can be used in every area of life

Let's look at these laws:

1. Everything starts as a seed

Every idea, dream, achievement, nation, HPC, and your life

God based everything living in the world on the seed principle.

Genesis 1:11 "Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so."

What is a seed? Anything valuable that you give away.

Words can be seeds planted in some ones mind:

What kind of seeds are you planting in your relationships?

- Trust or distrust
- Kindness or meanness
- Building up or tearing down

2. Nothing happens until the seed is planted

I've told you about my garden and how it failed, but when I bought some fescue grass seed I planted it and my grass looks great. What if I would have left it in the bag and never planted it?

- Planting is an act of faith
- Planting is risky – You can't see underground what's happening

Mark 4:26, 27 "He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how."

3. What you plant you will reap

If a farmer plants soy beans, he doesn't expect half runners to come up. That would be silly.

Whatever you want your family to be, plant in them:

Honest – plant honesty

Faith – be faithful

Loving – show love

Galatians 6:7 "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

4. You are not the only sower

You will reap both good and bad from those who have gone before you.

Some families have a history of abuse, alcohol, etc.

Decide to break the chain: My family has a history of alcoholism, my Mom broke the chain.

Everything you do has consequences: Imagine if we decided to begin a new legacy, one of faith.

I saw my parents read the Bible, attend church regularly, give faithfully.

John 4:38 "I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

5. You will reap in a different season than you sow

Plants take time to grow, there is no instant maturity

Christian Ballard played football for the Minnesota Vikings for two seasons. He made \$850,000 each year and was set to make more than that this season, but in August walked away from it. Why? He said he wasn't growing in his faith.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot."

6. You must be patient

It takes time for your seed to be planted, nurtured and grow.

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

7. You will reap more than you sow

Have you ever tried to dig a hole in pea gravel? The more you take out, more fills in.

This how God treats those who give of their time, energy and money.

Mark 4:8 "Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."