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From the Pastor



## Harvest Time

It's October; time for the harvest. You can pick apples at the local orchard. I visited a doctor's office, and the doctor had tomatoes from his garden in the lobby for anyone who wanted them. It is a wonderful time of year that rewards all the work in the garden.

There is another harvest that is coming. Look at what Jesus says about that harvest.

**Matthew 9:37-38** <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (ESV)

Look at what the apostle Paul says about those who work the garden that the harvest comes from.

**1 Corinthians 3:7-9** <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. (ESV)

Do you have a garden? Have you been collecting all sorts of produce these last few weeks?

Are you ready to be God's gardener? God has a harvest for you to help Him with. You might be someone who plants the message of the gospel. You might be another who simply adds water to the message. Maybe you are one that God uses to bring that person to faith in Christ.

There are many people who do not know Jesus, and they need Him. Pray for workers to gather the harvest, to bring people to Jesus. Pray for God to use you as one of His gardeners.

In Him and for His glory,

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