



# The Harvest

Matthew 9:35-38

# The Fruit Inside Us

- The Holy Spirit actively produces a harvest of fruit in the life of every believer.
- In Christ, we have been set free from the desires of the flesh.
- We are now invited to walk by the Spirit, where fruit is not forced but naturally grows out of a relationship with God.
- Through the Holy Spirit's power, we are able to throw off the sin that once entangled and enslaved us.

# We Reap What We Sow

- The Christian life is not passive; it is a Spirit-led partnership of planting seeds that lead to an eternal harvest.
- Those who walk by the Spirit have embraced God's control to live holy lives and do good works that please the Father.
- Good deeds do not earn salvation, but bear witness to it, producing fruit that is not temporary but eternal.
- Sow faithfully, knowing the harvest is in God's hands.

# Examining the Fruit of Our Life

- If we reap what we sow, then it is essential that we pause and examine the fruit in our lives.
- There is darkness that hides in the corners of the human heart.
- The sins we hate most in others may be the ones we have secretly indulged in ourselves.
- To prune the heart is to invite the removal of the most deeply cherished sins.
- We must invite the Gardener to plant in us a desire for His will.

# Working Out One's Salvation

- We are called to live out our salvation with deep reverence and dependence on God's enabling power.
- We work out our salvation, because it was bought at a price.
- Receiving a new identity and a new heart at conversion does not mean our desires are always aligned with God's will.
- The Christian life is a spiritual battle, but we do not fight unarmed.

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- If we resist the Gardener's pruning, we may remain in the field, but we will never bear fruit.
- Since truth has become relative, and it is increasingly rare to find someone who holds firm to anything.
- Before we can reach the lost, we must start with ourselves.
- To sow the seed of God's Word, we must first live holy and set-apart lives.

# Conclusion

- What kind of soil are you?
- The harvest does not just happen; it is the result of sowing, growing, pruning, and waiting.
- Before we can reach the lost, God must first reach deeper into us.
- We must not be passive spectators, but faithful laborers in God's harvest field.
- We should not be hearers only of the Word, but also laborers in the field, bearing fruit that lasts.