

Worthy Harvest—Galatians 6:9
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There is a chill in the air and shortening of daylight that reminds us of the changing season. Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year, and many people enjoy various fall traditions, including apple picking. This harvest activity is a unique experience and as nature often does, it can provide an insight into broader concepts, such as the impact of our lives on others.

Jesus often taught His followers using agricultural parables and metaphors. This approach enabled Him to communicate an abstract principle in a more relatable way. The Apostle Paul mirrored Jesus' teaching approach in 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."

In the context of this Scripture, the harvest refers to what is produced by how we live our lives. Our words and actions are seeds that are sown and ultimately will produce a harvest. Galatians 6:7, "whatever we sow, we will also reap."

So, what is a worthy harvest?

Paul provides nine characteristics or "fruit of the Spirit," which represent a good harvest:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

These behaviors are universally welcomed and are a reflection of God's grace. This fruit experienced by others reflects the personal seeds we are planting and cultivating daily. What we plant now, we will harvest later.

Please join me in prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your Scripture, which reminds us that our behaviors matter. Our actions and words are seeds which result in a harvest that represents our life. Please help us, through Your Spirit, to sow good seed; so that our lives represent a worthy harvest, full of the fruit of the Spirit. I pray this with humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN