



Fresh Oil



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Dear Fellow Servants,

The air is cool and crisp, the leaves are changing colour and falling, and the fields are yielding their increase. Yes, it's harvest time once again! Just as the land produces a harvest after the spring planting and summer growing seasons, so our lives produce a harvest, one which depends on the seed that was sown and the conditions under which it grew. Look at the promise of 2 Corinthians 9:6 in the Amplified Bible:

"(Remember) this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously (that blessings may come to someone) will also reap generously and with blessings."

Harvest is a wonderful thing but it doesn't happen automatically. The size and quality of the harvest depends on the amount of seed sown and the conditions under which the seed grows. This is the spiritual law of sowing and reaping. It is a law that is particularly meaningful as we consider that it is meant for us to use in order to bless others. When the Lord blesses us with increase in our life, we then have resources to help others. Look at Galatians 6:7:

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."

Yes, God has given us a promise here that we *will* reap *if* we will be faithful to sow. Thanksgiving is a wonderful reminder that we have so much that God has given us, so many resources to sow into the lives of others, like time, money, encouragement, prayer, etc. There will always be a harvest if we commit to sow our seed. But there is a bit of a catch (you knew that was coming, didn't you?). There is no guarantee of harvest if we give up midstream. We must persevere in giving our time, money, encouragement, prayer, etc. This fact is made clear to us in Galatians 6:9 (Amplified Bible):

"And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint."

Reaping our harvest is inevitable *IF* we can persevere through "due time" without giving up. We were born to be a blessing to those around us, but we can only fulfill that mandate if we keep going.

So, on this Thanksgiving weekend let me encourage you to keep on praying, keep on giving, keep on encouraging, keep on helping others in the name of Jesus. Harvest awaits as we remain faithful to Him.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Brian

... I have been anointed with fresh oil

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