

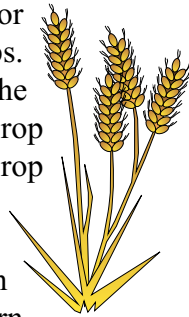
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Sowing & Reaping

Fall arrives this Friday, and one of the major activities of the area is the harvesting of crops. When a farmer sows a crop early in the year, the harvest reaped months later will be the same as the crop sown earlier. Even if the farmer wanted a different crop at harvest time, it would not be possible.



Not only will one reap the same crop as has been sown, but the harvest brings forth far more than was originally sown. When one plants a kernel of corn, many kernels are expected on the stalk. This is a law of nature upon which we depend.

The same holds true in our lives. If we sow “wild oats” then we will reap wild oats later. Do not expect something different. Carefully consider the seed you are sowing. You will reap an abundant harvest. Will you enjoy the “crop” at harvest time? Galatians 6:7-8, *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

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Overcoming Adversity

A mule fell into a dry well. The farmer directed his sons to bury the mule, but the mule was still alive and relatively unharmed. As the boys threw dirt down on the mule, he simply shrugged it off and tramped on it. After some time, he had tramped so much dirt under him that he simply walked out of the well. That which was intended to cover the mule was the very means by which he arose.

All throughout our lives we will have obstacles and setbacks that will beset us. There may be family, money, marriage, school, and any number of problems. If we let them pile upon us without ever trying to dig out, we will become buried.

How can we overcome and climb out of such difficulties? So many people turn to drugs, alcohol, extravagant purchases, and riotous living, all in a effort to displace the problems, but the problems are only amplified. When the newness of these pseudo cures is gone, the original problems are still there, looming larger than ever. I’m reminded of Asa in II Chronicles 16:12. We are told that he had an exceedingly great disease in his feet. Instead of turning to the Lord, he turned to the physicians. The next verse tells us he died.

We need to turn to the Lord. We are told in I Peter 5:7 regarding the Lord, *“Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you.”* Living in this mortal realm, we will have problems, but as Christians, we can take them to the Lord and cast them upon Him. Approach the Lord in prayer. Even if the Lord’s will is not to rid us of our burden, the grace of the Lord will be sufficient for us as it was regarding Paul’s thorn in the flesh. Read carefully the words of Paul in II Corinthians 12:7-10 *“And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”*

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Vicki McDaniel and Alroy & Lois McDaniel.**

—We were glad to have **Audrey Terry** back with us last week after being unable to attend since July 10.

—There will be a youth day at the Coral Hill congregation on Sunday, October 9, 3:00 p.m. The speakers are **Todd Lockett and Daniel Gaines.** There will be a meal served before evening services.

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When we travel the highways of our nation, we cannot help but notice road signs every few feet. These signs contain valuable information for the traveler. Many signs contain life-saving information such as “Stop Ahead,” “Road Closed,” “Yield,” etc. To ignore or doubt the validity of such signs would be foolish, and possibly lead to serious personal injury or death.

The very same people who would not think of ignoring such highway information ignore something far more imperative—the warning “signs” in the Bible. The Bible is filled with warnings of destruction and eternal damnation to those who obey not the Lord. Do not wait to read the “signs” until it is too late.

It is foolish to doubt the truth in a man-made road sign. How much more foolish is it to doubt the warnings of an all-knowing and all-powerful God?

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Sunday, September 11, 2011		
Classes	21	Luke 10:1-18
Preaching	26	Luke 13:1-5
Contribution	\$372.00	
Evening	14	Amos 5:1-27
Wednesday, September 14, 2011		
Classes	27	Numbers 33:1-56

Visitors—
 Sep 11 (AM) Aiden Harrington (Tulsa, OK); April Thompson (Hardyville, KY); Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY)
 Sep 14 (Wed) Aiden Harrington (Tulsa, OK); April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The children of Israel departed from Rameses on what month and day?

Last Week’s Answer— Cattle (Numbers 32:1)



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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)