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## Sowing & Reaping

Fall arrives Thursday, 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, *“<sup>7</sup>Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For 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 an 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 *“<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.”*

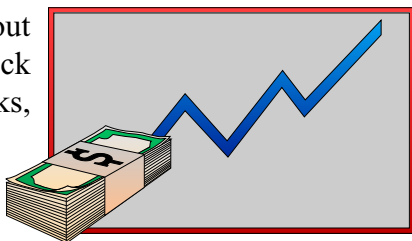
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# News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher and Vicki McDaniel.**

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One cannot watch television for any length of time without hearing advertisements for stock brokers, on-line investing, banks, money market certificates, certificates of deposit, etc.



Today's society is greatly concerned with investments and being prepared for one's retirement. A few years ago a commercial had a man stating that he is investing with a certain company so he can "retire with a few toys of his own." Of course, no mention is made about what he will do after that.

Certainly we must be wise and plan ahead. I just wonder if we don't spend much of our effort storing up earthly treasures while we forget to store up heavenly treasures. We try to find the best savings account possible, while we shun the saving of our own soul. We worry more about financial yields than yielding to sin.

Invest more in Christ. The greatest return you will ever have is when He returns to receive you in the air.

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<sup>19</sup>Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup>But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:10-21

Sunday, September 21, 2014		
Classes	22	Roman 6:8-23
Preaching	24	I Peter 1:1-13
Contribution	\$495.00	
Evening	19	Psalm 20:1-21:13
Wednesday, September 24, 2014		
Classes	17	I Kings 11:1-43

## Bible Quiz

The LORD saves his anointed and hears him from where?

Last Week's Answer— The glory of God (Psalm 19:1)

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<sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>Therefore 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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## —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)