

Joys of the Harvest

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Scripture:

¹³ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.” (Amos 9:13, ESV)

³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” (John 4:35, ESV)

From the Introduction:

For the treader of grapes to overtake him who sows seed would mean the grape harvest would be so abundant that it would be extended for several weeks. The harvest of grapes would be so great that it would seem as though the mountains and hills themselves were flowing with rivers of sweet wine

There are _____.

1. "Already he who reaps is receiving his _____."
2. The reaper is tasked with the glorious job of _____ in the harvest.

There are _____.

1. They began the labor and moved _____ in the task set before them.
2. The sower is *tasked* with the "not so glorious" job of planting the crop that will be harvested.

There is a _____.

1. "One sows and _____ reaps."
2. We are all called upon to do _____.

Remember:

“¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” ¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.” (Revelation 14:14–16, ESV)

Reflect:

“If we are devoted to the cause of humanity, we shall soon be crushed and brokenhearted, for we shall often meet more ingratitude from men than we would from a dog; but if our motive is love for God, no ingratitude can hinder us from our fellow man.” – Oswald Chambers

Seek:

In John 4:34, Jesus says, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.” How might you seek to do the will of the One who has called you into the harvest field?

Share:

In the message, Pastor Mark stated, “It is his joy to experience receiving the fruit of one’s labor.” Share with the group a time when you received the privilege of sharing in that joy.

Serve:

A day is coming and has already come when the harvest will be so plentiful that there will be no distinction between the season of the sower and the reaper. That day is today, and we are the sowers, we are the reapers [all of us]. What have you sown this past week, what have you reaped?

Pray:

Pray to the Lord to send you into the harvest field, in order that others might find Christ and seek to serve Him with their lives.