

WHAT SEEDS WILL YOU PLANT THIS SPRING?

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“The kingdom of God is like this: Someone plants some seed in the ground. Then, during both the day and night, whether that person is awake or asleep, the seed is growing silently. Now the person who planted the seed can't see how it is growing (because it's hidden under the ground). But in darkness, the soil is helping the seed to grow. First the plant sprouts through. Then the tender stalk appears. Then the stalk puts on buds, and finally the full head of grain or fruit appears. Then, when it is ready and ripe, the farmer cuts it, because it's harvest time!” - Mark 4:26–29

LESSONS

1. God expects growth in my life and in my church.
2. Any fruit in my life (good or bad) comes from seeds planted by people.
3. We often can't see the seeds growing in our lives.
4. Growth in my life is slow and gradual and happens in stages.

“Be confident of this: That He who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.” - Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

LAWS OF SPIRITUAL PLANTING

1. EVERYTHING STARTS AS A SEED

At Creation: “Then God said. “Let the earth have seed-bearing plants and let trees bear fruit with seeds in them. Then let those seeds produce the same kind of plants and trees that they came from. So, the earth was filled with seed-bearing vegetation.” - Genesis 1:11

2. A SEED HAS NO _____ UNTIL IT'S PLANTED

Jesus: “. . . Unless a grain of wheat is planted and buried in the soil, it cannot reproduce. It will remain only a single seed. BUT, if it dies, it will produce many seeds and much fruit. If you selfishly hold on to your own life, you'll lose it! But if you give up living for this world, you'll gain eternal life!” - John 12:24–25

“Does a farmer always plow and never plant? Is he forever cultivating his soil but never planting it? No! . . . The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding.” - Isaiah 28:24, 26 (NLT)

3. SOME SEED SHOULD BE PLANTED INSTEAD OF _____

“Because the famine was so severe, everyone in Egypt sold their land to Pharaoh. . . . Then Joseph told them this: ‘I will provide you with seed so you can plant crops. Then, when you harvest it, you are to give 20% of it back to the King, and you get to keep 80%. But don't eat all your seed! Use your seed to plant next year's crops, so you can feed your family in the future.’ The people replied, ‘You've saved our lives!’” - Genesis 47:20–25

“God, who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and he will make it grow so that you can then give away even more and more fruit from your harvest!” - 2 Corinthians 9:10 (LB)

4. WHATEVER I PLANT IS WHAT I'LL HARVEST

“Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you plant.” - Galatians 6:7

“Dishonest people can get rich for a moment but if you plant righteousness, you'll harvest a reward that lasts.” - Proverbs 11:18

“A stupid person plants discord and conflict by making arrogant assumptions. But those who listen to advice will be wise!” - Proverbs 13:10

“Troublemakers plant seeds of strife, and their gossip separates the best of friends.” - Proverbs 16:28 (NLT)

“Those who plant seeds of injustice will harvest disaster. Their reign of terror will come to an end.” - Proverbs 22:8 (NLT)

“If you plant the good seeds of righteousness, you'll harvest a crop of my love. So plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, so that he may come and shower goodness on you like rain.” - Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

5. I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE PLANTING SEEDS IN MY LIFE

Jesus: “I sent you to reap where you didn't plant; others had already done work before you, and you will gather the harvest.” - John 4:38

6. I HARVEST IN A DIFFERENT _____ THAN I PLANT

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven . . . A time to plant and a time to harvest . . . A time to scatter and a time to gather . . .” - Ecclesiastes 3:1–5

7. I ALWAYS HARVEST _____ THAN I PLANT

“So Isaac planted seed where he was living, and that year he gathered a hundredfold harvest from what he'd planted because the Lord blessed him!” - Genesis 26:12

“Some seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, MULTIPLYING thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times.” - Mark 4:8

8. I CAN INCREASE MY HARVEST BY JUST PLANTING MORE SEED

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he’s decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
- 2 Corinthians 9:6–7

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.”
- Proverbs 11:24 (The Message)

9. I SHOULD ALWAYS BE PLANTING SEEDS

“Those who wait for perfect conditions will never plant seeds; and those who look at every cloud will never reap a harvest.”
- Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NCV)

“Do your planting in the morning AND in the evening, too! You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other.”
- Ecclesiastes 11:6 (TEV)

10. WHILE WAITING FOR MY HARVEST I MUST BE _____ AND NOT GIVE UP

“We must not become tired of doing good. We will reap a harvest at the right time IF we do not give up!”
- Galatians 6:9

Q: What losses have I experienced this past year? Keep planting seeds!

“Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, BUT they sing as they return with the harvest!”
- Psalm 126:5–6 (NLT)

Q: What personal plowing and weeding do I need to do before planting?

“Your hearts have become hard, like an unplowed field where weeds have taken over. So plow up the hard ground of your hearts! Do not waste good seed by planting among weeds.”
- Jeremiah 4:3 (CEV & NLT)

這個春天，你會播下甚麼種子？

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“耶穌又說：「上帝的國就像有人把種子撒在地裏，然後，在黑夜和白晝，無論這人睡著或醒來，種子就靜靜地長大，那播種的人看不見它怎樣生長（因為它顯然是藏在地裏的）。但在黑暗之中，大地使穀物生長，先出苗，後吐穗，穗上長出花蕾，最後結出飽滿的子粒。一旦穀物成熟，農夫就去收割，因為收割的時候到了。」”
- 馬可福音 4:26–29 (新普及譯本/意譯)

教導

1. 上帝期望我的生命和教會成長。
2. 我生命中所結的果子（好或壞），都來自人們播下的種子。
3. 我們往往看不到，自己生命中正在成長的種子。
4. 我生命中的成長是緩緩循序漸進的。

“我確信，上帝既然在你們心中開始了這美善的工作，就必定會繼續下去，直到這工作最終完成的一天，也就是基督耶穌再來的那天。”

- 腓立比書 1:6 (新普及譯本)

靈命培育法則

1. 一切都是從種子開始

創造天地時：“上帝說：「地上要長出…結種子的植物和結果子的樹，果子裏面都有種子；種子生出同類的植物和樹，在地上的果子都包著核！」”

- 創世記 1:11 (新普及譯本/意譯/新譯本)

2. 未播下的種子是沒有_____的

耶穌：“「一粒麥子如果不種在地裏死去，就不能繁衍下去，仍舊是一粒，但它如果死了，就會結出許多子粒和果實。誰愛惜自己在世上的生命，就會失去它；但若你不再為這世界而活，就會得著永生！」”

- 約翰福音 12:24–25 (新普及譯本/意譯)

“難道農夫總是耕地而不栽種嗎？總是翻土而不撒種嗎？…農夫知道該做甚麼，因為上帝給了他悟性。”

- 以賽亞書 28:24, 26 (新普及譯本)

3. 有些種子是應該用來栽種，而不是_____

“因為飢荒非常嚴重，埃及所有人都把自己的田地賣給法老。…約瑟對民眾說：「我要為你們提供種子，你們可以種田。到收割的時候，你們收成的五分之一將歸法老，其餘的五分之四你們可以留下來，但不要吃掉你的所有種子！要用你的種子來種植明年的作物，作你家庭將來的糧食。」人們向約瑟喊著說：「你救了我們的性命！」”
- 創世記 47:20-25 (新普及譯本/意譯)

“賜農夫種子，又賜人糧食的上帝，必加倍賜給你們種子，並且使它生長，使你們裏面結出許許多多慷慨的果子來。”
- 哥林多後書 9:10 (當代譯本/新普及譯本/Living Bible 意譯)

4. 我種甚麼就收甚麼

“你們不要自欺，也不要欺騙上帝。一個人種甚麼，就收甚麼。”
- 加拉太書 6:7 (現中修訂版)

“不誠實的人發財致富，只是曇花一現，播種公義的，必獲長存的獎賞。”
- 箴言 11:18 (新普及譯本/當代譯本/意譯)

“愚昧的人以自大的假設來種下不和與衝突，然而虛心受教才是明智之舉。”
- 箴言 13:10 (意譯)

“鬧事者種下紛爭的種子，流言離間親密的朋友。” - 箴言 16:28 (新普及譯本)

“播種不公正，必收割災禍，他們可怕的統治必要結束。”
- 箴言 22:8 (新普及譯本)

“你們要播種公義的好種子，就必收割慈愛的莊稼。現在正是尋求上主的時候，你們要將自己堅硬的心田翻鬆，好讓他來到，並把公義澆灌在你們身上。”
- 何西阿書 10:12 (新普及譯本)

5. 在我生命中播種的人，不只是我自己

耶穌：“我派你們去收割的，不是你們所播下的；別人已經種下了，如今你們要去收割。”
- 約翰福音 4:38 (新普及譯本)

6. 我在不同的_____栽種和收割

“凡事都有定期，天下萬事都有定時；…栽種有時，收割有時；…分散有時，相聚有時…”
- 傳道書 3:1-5 (新普及譯本/意譯)

7. 我收穫的總是我種的_____

“那年以撒種下莊稼，收穫的穀物超過種下的一百倍，因為上主賜福給他。”
- 創世記 26:12 (新普及譯本)

“另有落進好土壤裏的，就發芽、生長，不斷地結出果實，結出的有三十倍的、有六十倍的、有一百倍的。”
- 馬可福音 4:8 (中文標準譯本)

8. 我只要多播些種子，就能增加收穫

“你們別忘了：…播種少，收穫就少；播種多，收穫就多。你們每個人務必在心裏決定捐出多少，不要勉強，也不要迫於壓力去做，「因為上帝喜愛樂意捐獻的人。」”
- 哥林多後書 9:6-7 (新普及譯本)

“慷慨的人，世界越來越大；但吝嗇的人，世界越來越小。”
- 箴言 11:24 (信息版意譯)

9. 我應該不斷地播種

“農夫如果等候完美的天氣，就永遠不會撒種；如果觀望每朵雲彩的變化，就永遠不會收割。”
- 傳道書 11:4 (新普及譯本)

“你早上晚上都要撒種；因為你不曉得所撒的種是不是都能生長，也不曉得早上撒的是不是比晚上撒的好。”
- 傳道書 11:6 (現中修訂版)

10. 當等待收成時，我必須有_____，不可放棄

“所以，不要厭倦行善。如果我們不放棄，時候一到，就會收穫豐盛的祝福。”
- 加拉太書 6:9 (新普及譯本)

問：過去一年裏，你經歷了哪些失落？

“流淚撒種的，必歡呼收割。他們流着淚去撒種，卻要唱着歌豐收而歸。”
- 詩篇 126:5-6 (新普及譯本)

問：播種之前，有那些個人的事我需要先翻一下土，除掉雜草？

“你們的心靈已經變得剛硬了，就如未被開墾的荒地，雜草叢生。所以，要翻耕你們堅硬的心田！不要在荊棘中浪費你們美好的種子。”
- 耶利米書 4:3 (意譯/新普及譯本)