

What Are You Planting this Spring? - Part 1

Brian E. Smith

March 16, 2025

Mark 4:26-29 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Four Lessons

1. **God** _____ **in my life.**
2. **Any** _____ **in my life (good/bad) comes from** _____ **people have planted.**
3. **We often can't see the** _____ **in our lives.**
4. _____ **in my life is** _____ **and happens in stages.**

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Laws of Planting

1. _____ **starts as a** _____ .
Genesis 1:11 (NIV) Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.
2. **A** _____ **is powerless until it's** _____ .
John 12:24-25 (CEV) I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat. If you love your life, you will lose it. If you give it up in this world, you will be given eternal life.
Isaiah 28:24,26 (NLT) 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.

3. **Some** _____ **should be** _____ **and not** _____ .
Genesis 47:20, 23-25 (NLT) So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. All the Egyptians sold him their fields because the famine was so severe, and soon all the land belonged to Pharaoh. Then Joseph said to the people..."I will provide you with seed so you can plant the fields. Then when you harvest it, one-fifth of your crop will belong to Pharaoh. You may keep the remaining four-fifths as seed for your fields and as food for you, your households, and your little ones." "You have saved our lives!"
2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT) For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.
4. **What I** _____ **is what I** _____ .
Galatians 6:7 (CEV) You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant.
Proverbs 11:18 (NIV) A wicked person earns deceptive wages, but the one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
Proverbs 13:10 (NIV) Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
Hosea 10:12 (NLT) I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'
5. **I'm not the** _____ **planting in** _____ .
John 4:38 (NLT) I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.