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**A Renewed Vision For 2022.** Today we conclude the series with practical application of the powerful principle of sowing and reaping found throughout Scripture. Scan the code to read the previous notes.



**Sowing and reaping is an *absolute* principle of physical and spiritual blessing established by God.** Genesis 8:22 *While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.*

- Scriptures — Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:37-38 (on forgiving); John 4:35-38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Romans 8:5-6; Galatians 6:7-10.
- Quote — If you keep on doing what you've always done, you will keep getting what you've always gotten.
- Quote — Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow actions and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny. — R.W. Emerson

## **SOWING AND REAPING ACTION PLAN**

### **1. Deal with hindrances that prohibit results.**

- Luke 8:4-15 illustrates the Seed of God's Word sown into the soil our hearts. What area of your life is hindering growth in God's word? (Hard path, unbelief, doubt, fear, pride; rock, hidden thoughts and motives; weeds, desire for wealth and worldly things).

### **2. Break up your "fallow ground."** Hosea 10:12 *Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.*

- This is plowed but neglected ground. Great intentions without follow through never reap a harvest. Start today and sow intentionally into a renewed direction in life.

### **3. Sow prayer.**

- Set aside a (even a short), regular time each day and use the Disciples' Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

- Focus on a nation and a people group. Use [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net) for a prayer guide.

#### 4. Sow financially.

- The Tithes, the *first* portion of your earnings, Proverbs 3:9-10 *Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.* Also Malachi 3:10-12.
- Other ways to give other than the Tithes are “freewill offerings,” finances given to areas you designate, and “alms,” giving to the poor and emergencies.
- A few promises concerning generosity — Proverbs 11:24-25, 19:17, 22:9, 37:25-26.

#### 5. Sow actions.

- The prayer of Francis of Assisi: “Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy;...”

#### 6. Application.

- Write it down — Habakkuk 2:2 *Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.* In prayer, journal what the Holy Spirit tells you about the issues above — sowing prayer, finances, and actions.
- Act on it — Paul’s response to the Macedonian vision resulted in the establishment of the Philippian Church (Acts 16:9-10). Our decisions not only affect our own lives but the lives of others as well. My obedience to God unleashes His blessing in my life *and* in the lives of others (Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

#### 7. Illustration of the Cambodian rice mill.

- Several years ago Christian Life Center acted upon a Word from God to purchase land and help underwrite the Cambodian rice mill for Foursquare Children of Promise. A desire combined with faith filled prayer and action now produces rice for thousands of people.



*Our Father in Heaven,  
 reveal in me things that hinder a fruitful, blessed life. Empower me to sow faith  
 filled prayer that changes our world. Reveal to me the blessing that  
 accompanies financial sowing. Then enable me to sow my actions  
 to be a light in a dark world. Amen.*

## A RENEWED VISION FOR 2022

Habakkuk 2:2 *Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.*

1 Corinthians 3:6 *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*

1. **According to Luke 8:4-15, what are the hindrances that prohibit results in my life?**

A. Is it unbelief and doubt? Fear? Pride? Identify it below.

2. Hosea 10:12 *Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground**, for it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.*

A. Have I prepared my heart to believe God in the past but never acted on it? Remember, great intentions without follow through never reap a harvest. Write down what He said.

3. **Sow prayer by setting aside a (even a short), regular time each day.**

A. Use the Disciples' Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Focus on a nation and a people group. Use [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net) for a prayer guide.

B. Write down a time each day you can redeem for prayer and *calendar it on your mobile device.*

4. **Sow financially.**

A. Am I tithing? If so, where else can I sow finances and expect a harvest? Write it down below.

5. **Sow actions.**

A. Where can I change an action in a small way that may produce a big result? What is that action? Write it down below.