

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PLENTIFUL HARVEST

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(Matthew 13:1-9)

Recognizing a plentiful harvest is just as important as sowing a seed. When you do not have the ability to recognize a plentiful harvest, you will become **DEPLETED** as a person. If you constantly give without receiving anything back, you will end up feeling empty. The purpose of a harvest is to **GET BACK MORE** than what you originally gave so you can keep giving more.

It is a very simple process to understand. You cannot give what you do not have. If you keep sowing seeds into a place that does not give back to you, will you be motivated to sow more seeds? No. If you keep sowing seeds into a person who refuses to give back to you, will you be inspired to keep helping them? No.

IF YOU CANNOT RECOGNIZE A PLENTIFUL
HARVEST YOU WILL CONSTANTLY GIVE YOUR
PEARLS TO SWINE.

Giving your pearls to swine is the same thing as sowing seeds into quick sand. It will not produce a harvest. It will devour your harvest. When you give to people who take and **DO NOT** give back, you are wasting your seeds.

Remember this Wisdom key. **A PLENTIFUL HARVEST WILL ALWAYS REPLENISH YOU.**

When you give to an institution that is built on **GOOD GROUND**, it will give you something back to **REPLENISH** you. A plentiful harvest will always fill a void in your life. If a void is **NOT** being filled, you are not being replenished. Jesus proved this theory in Mark 10:28 when He spoke about the Kingdom of God.

Mark 10:29-30 says, *"I tell you the truth, all those who have left houses, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or farms*

for me and for the Good News will **GET MORE** than they left. Here in this world they will have a hundred times more homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields. And with those things, they will also suffer for their belief but in the age that is coming they will have life forever."

Jesus clearly stated to us that if we **SOW** into the Kingdom of God, we will be **REPLENISHED** with much more. Jesus said something very intriguing. He said if you leave houses, brothers, etc, you will receive more of the **SAME**.

This confirms Galatians 6:7. "Whatsoever a man soweth **THAT** shall he also reap." **A PLENTIFUL HARVEST WILL ALWAYS GIVE BACK WHAT YOU GAVE OUT, BUT MORE ABUNDANTLY.**

BEING THE RECIPIENT OF A PLENTIFUL HARVEST
IS WHAT ENABLES YOU TO BECOME A
GENEROUS GIVER.

TEST THE SOIL

You may be thinking, how can I predict when a person or an institution is plentiful? There are a couple of ways to do this. As it pertains to an institution, examine the **STRUCTURE**. Before farmers decide to buy land, they examine the history and content of the soil first. They look to see if the soil has produced crops in the past.

They investigate to see if the soil has been polluted with chemical elements. When it comes to an institution or a church, find out what programs have been established to **REPLENISH** the people who sow seeds. If an institution or a church does not have a program or plan to **GIVE BACK** to the people they will be incapable of producing a plentiful harvest.

If you are trying to determine if a person is plentiful, **TEST** them. Give them something small before you allow them to handle what is big. For example, if you give someone some advice, **WATCH** and **SEE** how they utilize the

information. Look to see if they will apply it or ignore it.

IF A PERSON CANNOT PRODUCE FRUIT FROM THE SEED YOU GAVE THEM, THEY ARE NOT PLENTIFUL.

THE STORY OF THE FARMER

Matthew 13:1-9

In this parable Jesus talked about a farmer who was out to plant his seed. While he was planting, some seed fell by the road. Some seed fell on rocky ground. Some seed fell among thorny weeds and the other seed fell on good ground. The seed that fell on good ground **PRODUCED A CROP**. The seed that fell by the road, rocky ground and thorny weeds **DID NOT** produce a harvest. **SOWING GOOD SEED IN BAD SOIL WILL NOT PRODUCE A PLENTIFUL HARVEST.**

This farmer sowed multiple seeds but got back very little. He did not examine the soil. The farmer sowed four times. However, he only received a harvest once. Does that add up? Sowing four times and receiving one harvest. Of

course not. A plentiful harvest will **ALWAYS** be able to turn a seed into a fruit. For instance, a plentiful harvest will turn your advice into their agenda. A plentiful harvest will turn their opportunity into an accomplishment.

A plentiful harvest will turn their compliment into self confidence. A plentiful harvest will turn your financial donation into a resource for someone else. If you are sowing seeds into a situation that does **NOT** produce fruit, you will **NOT** reap a plentiful harvest.

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