

What Are You Doing With Your Seeds?

Matthew 6:19-21

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Eccl. 11:1-6

1 Ship your grain across the sea; after many days you may receive a return.

2 Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

3 If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there it will lie.

4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

I. Sow where God tells you!

Vs.1 - Ship your grain **ACROSS THE SEA**; after many days you may receive a return.

MSG - Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns. God doesn't reward idleness!

1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

II. Sow as much as possible!

vs.2 - Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

III. Sow before it's too late!

vs.3 - If clouds are full of water, they pour rain upon the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there will it lie.

IV. Sow when God says to sow!

Vs. 4 - Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

Ps. 126:5-6 - Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

Joshua 5:1 - Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the Lord had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

V. Sow even if you don't understand how it works!

Vs. 5 - As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

VI. Be willing to sow continuously in many different places!

vs. 6 - Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening LET YOUR HANDS NOT BE IDLE, for YOU DO NOT KNOW which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

VII. Your sowing will reap a harvest!

vs. 1b - after many days you may receive a return.

2 Corinthians 9:10 - Now he who supplies seed to the SOWER (Who? SOWER) and bread for food will also supply and INCREASE your store of SEED (Not bread... SEED) and will enlarge the HARVEST of your righteousness.

Galatians 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.