

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a


A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Decisions Today Determine Life Tomorrow

Every farmer understands the meaning of this principle: We reap what we sow, more than we sow, and later than we sow. Let’s look at each part of the principle to make sure we understand its full implications.

1. The principle applies to everyone, both Christians and non-Christians.

This principle is irrevocable; there is no escape, either for the believer or for the unbeliever. It is a law of life.

2. We reap what we sow.

The fact that we reap what we sow is good news for those who sow good habits, but a frightening thought for those currently involved in ungodly activities such as promiscuity, drug and alcohol abuse, neglect of family, or mistreatment of others in order to climb the ladder of success. We cannot sow crabgrass and expect to reap pineapples. We cannot sow disobedience to God and expect to reap His blessing. What we sow, we reap. Let us not deceive ourselves: We will reap the harvest of our lives.

3. We reap more than we sow.

Why do farmers plant their seed? Because they expect to harvest a great deal more than they sow. A single seed that sprouts can yield dozens, scores, even hundreds of seeds. It is the same way with both sin and righteousness—a small decision to do either good or bad reaps a much bigger crop, for either joy or sorrow.

Jesus used the picture of a sprouting seed to show that when we allow God’s Word to produce good things in us, the results multiply: “The one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty” (Matt. 13:23). On the other side of the ledger, the prophet Hosea describes what awaits those who choose to sow seeds of wickedness: “They sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind” (Hos. 8:7).

4. We reap later than we sow.

Some are deceived because their present seed does not appear to be producing an immediate crop. So they continue down their course, mistakenly believing that there will never be a harvest. But unlike the crops of the field, which get harvested at approximately the same time each year, there is no regular timetable for the harvest of life. Some crops we reap quickly; others take a long time. But do not be deceived—their season will come. And by going the second mile now and giving more than is required, we will reap rich dividends later.

“For whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” What a comforting and assuring thought to those who faithfully labor under difficult circumstances. Faithfulness in such situations will produce a rich harvest in the future, for our heavenly Father always keeps His promises.

KEY VERSE

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Galatians 6:7-9; Genesis 3:1-7

Decisions Determine Character

1. What are some decisions that you are facing? How does the concept of sowing and reaping apply to them?
2. Describe a time when you were faced with a decision that tested your character. What can you learn from that experience?

Tuesday: Psalm 1:1-6; Psalm 34:8; Psalm 112:1

Decisions Determine Happiness

3. How does today's reading describe a blessed (happy) man?
4. What actions does the blessed man take or avoid based upon this passage?

Wednesday: Genesis 13:11-16; Romans 12:2

Decisions Determine Impact

5. What are some ways that you desire to make an impact with your life?
6. How do your actions today help you make an impact or hinder you from making the impact you desire?

Thursday: II Samuel 11:1-5; Hebrews 13:4

Decisions Determine Consequences

7. What consequences did David face when he chose to sin based on today's reading in II Samuel?
8. Describe a time you made a poor decision. What consequences did you face?
9. Describe a time you made a great decision. What were the consequences of that decision?

Friday: Hebrews 11:23-26; John 4:34-38; John 6:27

Decisions Determine Eternity

10. What decisions were made in today's reading from Hebrews? How did they impact eternity?
11. What decisions have you made that have impacted eternity?
12. How often do you think about eternity when you make your decisions?