

Reaping the Good Things

Many of you have your summer gardens well underway and with the coming warmer weather you'll soon begin to harvest those good tomatoes, squash, okra, watermelons and more. But the growing of those good things didn't just happen by accident. You've spent many hours preparing and planting that garden so it will make that homegrown produce.

The bible warns us not to be fooled because God is not to be taken lightly. If we spend all of our time dedicated to our physical desires, at the end of time, we'll have nothing to harvest but corruption. But if we "plant" to the Spirit, that is the "fruit of the Spirit", we'll harvest everlasting life. (Galatians 6:7-8) There's no doubt about it, gardening is hard work. Living and serving the Lord is just as challenging. But we're assured in the scriptures that if we do not "grow weary while doing good" and don't lose heart, then when the season of our life is over, we will indeed reap the benefits of heaven. (Galatians 6:9) Just as you will share the harvest from your home gardens with the rest of us, the bible encourages Christians to share both their physical and spiritual blessings with those around them.

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

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