## **Laws of the Harvest**

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- I. Introduction.
- II. We reap what we sew.
  - A. This is negative like the example of slavery and race. (Psalm 9:17)
  - B. This is positive. The negative things must be solved through personal conversion.
  - C. The US could use more missionaries sent abroad instead of staying home.
- III. We reap the same kind as we sew. (Job 4:8)
  - A. People tend to think that certain things could never happen to them. (Jeremiah 7:4)
  - B. We reap what we sew. (Galatians 6:7-8)
  - C. For every high there is a low.
  - D. Jacob reaped what he sewed he deceived by the blood of a goat and was later deceived by the same.
- IV. We reap in a different season than we sew.
- V. We reap more than we sew.
  - A. Out of Twelve Jesus changed the world. (2 Timothy 2:2)
  - B. Through the obedience of Christ many were made righteous. (Romans 5:19)
- VI. We reap in proportion to what we sew. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
- VII. We reap through perseverance.
  - A. Everything on the earth is deteriorating. (Genesis 1:28)
  - B. In life nothing stands still—we have no breaks.
  - C. God's justice grinds slowly but exceedingly fine. (Ecclesiastes 10:18, Proverbs 23:21)
- VIII. We cannot do anything about last year's harvest, but we can about this year's harvest.
  - A. Be disciplined.
  - B. Be especially alert when outside disciplines are removed.

## **Application questions**

1. Why is it that we can be forgiven by God yet still suffer some consequences for our sins? Explain.
2. Which law of the harvest stood out to you? Why?
3. Memorize Galatians 6:7-8 and write it below. How can this verse encourage you in your daily walk with God?