

Be a planter of the Spirit

“...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Galatians 6:7 KJV

What a wonderful principle! This is such a powerful principle and truth. Our loving Father created the world and in it we see this law at work all around us. Everything that we are is a result of planted seed. Every plant on earth, did it not first come from a seed? Our food, plants first start as a seed. Even animals are the result of planted seed. Out of one fertilized cell remarkably billions of cells develop and grow into a full grown adult. The mustard seed contains all the essential precursors for life. It is one of the smallest of seeds and after planted can grow to be a very large tree. God loves this principle. Let me show you why.

“God said, ""Let there be light"; and there was light.” Genesis 1:3 NASB

In the beginning, God spoke and the whole world was created. What did he do? He planted the Word.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1 KJV

...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

John 1:3 KJV

“Let there be...” and there was. You see, in the beginning God planted the Word! And from his word all life came into being. **“In him was life...” John 1:4 KJV**. In the Word, or in Jesus was life. God planted life, and look what the result was! He reaped life!

But God, was not finished. Although God created everything and the result was good, man fell through sin. Eternal separation entered into the picture. What happened was that we planted disobedience, sin and now eternal death became our harvest. But God in his great mercy already had a plan before he laid the foundations of the earth.

We know that God is an abundant God. When he gives, he does not give sparingly. He gives bountifully, and he blesses with an overflow. Eternal death became a problem. What did God do? He gave himself. He planted Himself. He gave all. He did not hold anything back. He was not cheap. He gave what he had, Jesus, away. It's worth repeating. He gave his one and only son whom he loved.

“And the word was made flesh...” John 1:14

Christ died on the cross and gave himself for us. God planted love. His very life was the seed for ours. God gave his own life, that through him we might have everlasting life. Through one seed, he reaps billions in return. Through one cell, the church, the body of Christ came into being. He is the head and we are the body and we are growing but this time there is no death, we are growing into eternity. Through Christ all life on earth was created, and through Christ all eternal life was created! Halleluiah! (Colossians 1:16-17)

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God planted eternal life, and now he reaps eternal life. He has added us, our eternal lives to himself! **“For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself,...” Colossians 1:19,20.** Jesus prayed that “...as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us,...” He prayed that we would be in *them*.

God loves to give all. Did he not love the widow who put into the offering plate all she had? **“...out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.” Luke 21:4 NASB**

Let's apply this principle of giving, of planting. Let us be planters of the Spirit. **“You will know them by their fruits” Matthew 7:16 NASB.** God has planted His very own Spirit in us. And what he has given us, we also should give to others because He gives **“seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:...” Isaiah 55:10**

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22,23

Let us be planters of the Spirit. Is any in need of love? In need of patience, goodness? Let's plant love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Let's plant all these that we may meet our needs. And if we have no need let us give all we have received from God as he has given all. Halleluiah! Amen!

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2 Corinthians 9:10 NASB

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

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Colossians 1

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

John 17:21

“that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us,…”

Luke 21

3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them;

4 for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she to live on."

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