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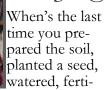
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"Praying for a Crop Failure"



lized, and nurtured a seed only to pray for its failure?

Or, suppose this, you plant a cherry pit hoping for an orange tree.

The very idea seems absurd, doesn't it? Who would do such a thing?

The answer, I think, is that most of us do—not in a physical sense, but spiritually. We sow seeds of self-ishness, greed, anger, and all kinds of evil things yet wonder why God seems so distant, our prayers seem unanswered, and life is unraveling around us.

This is due to the inescapable truth that we reap what we sow.

Galatians 6:7-10 ESV

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

"Some Christians spend the first six days of each week sowing their wild oats, then they go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure."

~Anonymous

We reap what we sow. How can good fruit come from a bad tree? Just as a cherry pit will not produce an orange, neither will ungodly living produce anything godly.

That is not to say that all our struggles result from

seeds of disobedience, for God uses such things to mature us, increasing our faith in Him.

What is more, we can expect persecution if living for Christ.

2 Tim 3:12-13 ESV

"Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,"

It is for this reason that Paul says, "If in this live only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." 1 Cor 15:15.

If you are looking for immediate fruit, good for food, delightful to the eyes, and desirable to the flesh, then by all means, sow to the flesh—the benefits are immediate and pleasant (for a time).

But know this, that fruit will rot in your belly, consuming you from the inside, leaving you unsatisfied, guilt-ridden, and defiled. It's end is destruc-



Financial Overview 2/24/2013:

- Feb. offering: \$6,113.
- Monthly Budget: \$5,724
- Building Fund: \$21,333.

"Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account." Phil 4:17 tion. Such a person has his mind set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we sow, not to the flesh, but to the spirit, from which we reap eternal life.

This fruit is not so immediate, however, and we can easily lose sight of our goal. It is precisely for this reason that we are reminded not to grow weary of doing good. The fruit will come. In due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

A farmer plants with uncertainty regarding produce. There's no guarantee. But we can be sure of the harvest of good works! If we do not give up in doing good we Will reap. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those of the household of faith.

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Remembering our missionaries~





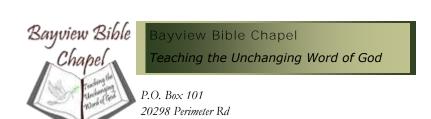












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3 Communion	4	5 Women's Study 12p	6 Men's Fellowship 8a Elder Study 9:15a	7 Prayer Meeting 6:30p	8	9 Men's Outreach Breakfast 8a
10 Missionary Visit Daylight Savings	11 Women's Craft Fellowship 9a	12 Women's Study 12p Andrew Millermon	13 Men's Fellowship 8a Elder Study 9:15a	14 Prayer Meeting 6:30p	15	16
17	18	19 Women's Study 12p	20 Men's Fellowship 8a Elder Meeting 9:15a	21 Prayer Meeting 6:30p	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 Women's Study 12p	27 Men's Fellowship 8a Elder Study 9:15a	28 Prayer Meeting 6:30p	Good Friday Service 7p	30
31 Resurrection Sunday!! Sunrise Service 8a Victoria Cain						



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Upcoming Events:

- March 15-16: CLBC Quilt Camp
- April 26-28: CLBC Women's Retreat