

TRUSTING GOD

Soul-winning
Prov. 11:30

Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and **he that winneth souls is wise.**

“The Power Source for Soul Winning”

Psa. 126:5 **They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.**

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Tonight we consider a most often neglected requirement of soul-winning which is THE great power source for our harvest – PRAYER.

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and **grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

31 And **when they had prayed**, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

Col. 4:3 Withal **praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

I. THE EFFECTUAL RESPONSIBILITY “They that sow in tears...”

A. The Preparation for the Harvest – “They that sow...”

Prov. 13:23 **Much food is in the tillage** of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.

B. The Principles for the Harvest – “They that sow...reap...”

Jas. 5:16b “...The **effectual fervent prayer** of a righteous man availeth much.”

Mt. 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, **he was moved with compassion on them**, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;

38 **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest**, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Original Word: δέομαι

Transliteration: deomai

Definition: I want for myself; I want, need; I beg, request, beseech, **pray**.

déomai (from the root *deō*, "having deep personal need, to be in want," see also *déēsis*, "felt-need") – properly, to *feel pressing need* because of lack – hence, to *make urgent appeal*; **to have deep personal need causing one to beseech (make earnest, specific request)**.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1189.htm>

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and **pray** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 22:32 But I have **prayed** for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Acts 4:31 And when they had **prayed**, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

1 Thess. 3:10 Night and day **praying** exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

SEE AND FEEL THE NEED FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE LOST

C. The Program for the Harvest

2 Cor. 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

II. THE EVENTUAL RETURN “...shall reap in joy.”

A. The Promise – “...shall reap...”

2 Cor. 9:6 But this *I say*, **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.**

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but **he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

B. The Praise – “...in joy.”

Jn. 4:36 “...he that soweth and he that reapeth may **rejoice together.**”

III. THE EFFORT REQUIRED “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed...”

A. Take it Seriously – “...goeth forth and weepeth...”

Mt. 13:38 “The field is the world...”

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

B. Take the Seed – “...bearing precious seed...”

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

1 Pet. 1:23 Being born again, **not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

IV. THE EXPECTANT REJOICING “...shall doubtless come again with rejoicing...”

Jn. 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both **he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.**

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

- The promise and praise is repeated for the sake of emphasizing the fact!

V. THE ETERNAL REAPING “...bringing his sheaves *with him*.”

A. The Personal Accountability

2 Cor. 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation**;

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

Rom. 14:12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

B. The Personal Achievement

Jn. 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and **gathereth fruit unto life eternal...**”

Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

11 **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men**; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

ALL THE TIME...EVERYWHERE!