

Mark 4:26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.

27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

28 All by itself the soil produces grain-- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Our egos want to control the speed of growth for the kingdom of God. Impatience takes over as we try to shortcircuit the process by expecting an instant harvest....Because we cannot control God's timing for the growth of the kingdom of God, we must trade in our stopwatches for calendars. Thomas Albin, a scholar of the Wesleyan revival, reports an average of more than two years between "conviction" and "conversion" for John Wesley's converts. During this time they were testing the truth of Scripture and the consistency of Christians' lives. David McKenna- *The Preacher's Commentary*

Just. Sow. Seeds.

Sow mercy....

mercy 'mærsē/ Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

James 2:13 judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. *Mercy triumphs over judgment!*

The Father's great desire...is to forgive.

Romans 12:20 "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Proverbs 25:21,22

Micah 7:18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

2Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

An immutable law of God.

Sow grace....

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Proverbs 3:34 He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble. **James 4:6**

Proverbs 19:11 When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it. (GNB)

Sow kindness...

1Thessalonians 5:15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

kind: Having or showing a friendly, generous, sympathetic, or warm-hearted nature.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Romans 2:4.....God's kindness leads you toward repentance

Titus 3:4,5 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

Sow faith....

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. GNB

without faith, we are as stained glass windows in the dark.

What do people see in you; faith in action...or faith inaction?

Ephesians 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

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Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.