

CHRIST CHURCH OF PRAYER – September 3, 2017
Sowing Seeds and Bearing Fruit

Message Focus: A fruitful life requires a faithful life
A fruit-filled life requires a seed-filled, faith-filled life

Everything begins with a seed. The purpose of fruit seeds is to manifest fruit. We should want lives filled with the Fruit of God, the Fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25 *New International Version (NIV)*

²² But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** ²³ **gentleness and self-control.**

Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Keep in step with the Spirit.

Watch your step and Walk uprightly.

Walk in the abundance of what you have sown;
Live in the life of what you have labored.

Your labor of **LOVE**, will yield love;
a life of love

Your labor of **JOY**, will yield joy;
a life of joy

Your labor of **PEACE**, will yield peace;
a life of peace

Your labor of **PATIENCE**, will yield patience;
a life of patience

Your labor of **KINDNESS**, will yield kindness;
a life of kindness

Your labor of **GOODNESS**, will yield goodness;
a life of goodness

Your labor of **FAITHFULNESS**, will yield
faithfulness;
a life of faithfulness

Your labor of **GENTLENESS**, will yield gentleness;
a life of gentleness

Your labor of **SELF-CONTROL**, will yield self-
control; a life of self-control

If I sow good seeds, I will bear much fruit.

John 15:8-17 *New International Version (NIV)*

⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: **Love each other** as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: **Love each other.**

Try to live as God would want. Live in a way that is pleasing to God. Live every day with an eye on the harvest.

A Fruitful Harvest Requires A Faithful Life.

Galatians 6:7-10 *New International Version (NIV)*

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever 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. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

We're always sowing seeds in life
By everything we do and say,
So let's make sure the fruit we reap
Comes from the good we do each day. —Hess

**The seeds we sow today,
determine the kind of fruit we'll reap tomorrow.**

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