

HARVEST

Fruit without Fail

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personal relationship with God*

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Harvest without Hindrance



At this time of year in particular
it's good to give thanks for all our
material benefits.

We can be grateful that we live in
a part of the world where we don't
suffer the climatic extremes which
are often such a problem elsewhere.

Our food supply is reliable in
quantity and quality...
and yet there's another form of
'harvest' which can be all too
uncertain today...

This Harvesttime let's give thanks for
every good thing provided for us...

...but let's also think about another
form of 'harvest'...

UNHEALTHY ROOTS

Whether it's apples or barley, grapes or tomatoes, it doesn't take an expert to know that unhealthy roots will produce an inferior crop. In the same way our human nature can all too easily produce a lifestyle which falls far short of the standard our Creator God has set for us...

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity ...hatred ...jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition ...envy ...drunkenness...

Galatians 5:19-21

We may work hard to hide the blemishes, but God knows us better than we know ourselves...



For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

...and these offensive attitudes and behaviour will not go unpunished...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully He has a 'restoration' plan...

UNWELCOME WEEDS

Healthy growth can so easily be prevented by allowing weeds to choke a plant's progress, and these need to be rooted out whenever they appear. In a similar way, God calls us to be done with everything in our lives which would prevent our entering into a right relationship with Him, thus hindering our personal development...

...get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent...

James 1:21

Though we could never keep this up in our own strength, He doesn't ask us to! He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to give His life as a sacrifice for all our wrong-doing on the Cross of Calvary...

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

And by asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives by His Spirit to become our Saviour and Lord we're given a brand new start, with the motivation and power to live a lifestyle pleasing to Him...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17



UNHINDERED GROWTH

A good harvest is always more likely when the soil is fertile and the climate favourable. But for healthy spiritual growth Christ Jesus sets out the necessary conditions...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

...and challenges us to show through our lives that we belong to Him...

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

Matthew 3:8

If we're serious about living as one of His true followers He will re-shape our attitudes and values by the power of His Spirit within us...

...the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

UNFAILING FRUIT

We could never cultivate a fruitful life by our own efforts... only when 'grafted' into the life of the Lord Jesus who says...

I am the true vine... No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:1-4

But this is only possible when we first seek a right relationship with God. Without this the consequences are unthinkable...

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

The next step is yours.

