



God is ABUNDANT

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Merry Christmas!

Partner, how well do you know God? Do you see Him as Jehovah Jireh, the Lord, your Provider? Do you know Him as El Shaddai, the Almighty God who is more than enough? Do you talk to Him as if He wants to bless you; or do you approach Him as if you need to convince Him to do good things for you? Jesus came so that we would know the Father.

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 14:7-10

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I

been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

When people really know the Father, they don't attribute calamities to His doing. In other words, those who really know God's character (God is love) don't blame Him for tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes, sickness, disease, or death.

God is good—never evil.

God is love—never hateful.

God is abundance—never in lack.

Partner, you should believe God for abundant harvest—not just a drip of blessing here and a drop of favor

there—but a pressed down, shaken together, and running over harvest! It's not to late! Let's consider a few places in Scripture that describe the remarkable abundance of God.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jesus came to show us the Father and to give us abundant life! Stop for a moment. Do you understand what the word *abundance* means? You can probably define it in your common usage, but you may not know the full extent of it. *Webster's 1828* edition of the *Dictionary of the English Language* defines *abundance* as *plentiful, a great quantity, fully, sufficient, and abounding*. It also means *overflowing*. Partner, this is your season for an abundant harvest!

Harvest is the season of reaping and gathering. It is the product of labor and the fruit of fruits. Harvest comes as a consequence of previous activity. For example, when you sow seeds, water them, and give them time, you will eventually reap a harvest. *Harvest* also means the *proper season for business*. *Genesis 8:22* reveals the power of seed, time and harvest.

Genesis 8:22

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Seed, time, and harvest will always work on this planet. As long as the earth is still here, you can plant seeds, water them, and they will produce a harvest. Regardless of who likes you or dislikes you, who the President of the United States is, or what the stock market does, seed, time and harvest will always work!

There will always be opportunities for sowing seed, and there will always be proper seasons for business and increase. Partner, I believe your season for abundant harvest is here! If you believe it too, you will receive it. Harvest season is usually in the Fall, but sowing goes on all the time. **Whether you realize it or not, you are continually planting seeds that will reap your future!**

- Everything you do is a seed.
- Everything you say is a seed.
- Everything you eat is a seed.

Galatians 6:7 puts it this way: *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”* Did you notice the word *whatsoever*? It is all inclusive! It means *everything*. **The law of sowing and reaping applies to the physical and financial realms as well as the spiritual realm. Whatever you sow into your family will come back as a harvest. If you sow love, you will get love. If you sow discord, you will reap discord.**

You can't act harshly and temperamentally with your loved ones and expect them to respond with love and peace! Even the world knows that! They put it this way—what goes around, comes around. And it's true. **Whatsoever you sow, you will reap!**

Partner, you can always sow good seeds when you do what Paul mentioned next!

Galatians 6:8

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.

Paul capitalized the word *Spirit*, so he was telling us to sow to the Holy Spirit. How can you sow to the Spirit? You do it by *thinking, speaking, and acting* according to the Word of God.

When you sow to the Spirit, you will reap life everlasting, The Greek word that is translated *life* is *zoe*. It means life like God has it. What kind of life does God have?

Is God sick? Is God broke? Is God depressed? Is God fearful or anxious or worried? Of course, you know the answer to all of the above is a definitive, “**No!**”

Partner, as you sow to the Spirit, you will enjoy life as God has it—divine health, strength, provision, peace, joy, and victory in abundance. God is abundant in every good thing!

Now, every farmer knows that you can't plant corn in the field on Monday and have corn from that field for dinner the next day! You've got to give your seed time to take root, germinate, and sprout. That requires patience!

Galatians 6:9 encourages us “*not to be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.*” Partner, don't give up! **God never forgets a seed you've sown!** God does forget one thing; He forgets your confessed sin.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Once you've confessed your sin, God throws it into the sea of forgetfulness! “*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*” (*Psalms 103:12*).

Jeremiah 31:34

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

God forgets confessed sin, but He never forgets to bring a harvest to faithful sowers. If you've been waiting for your harvest for some time, be encouraged, partner! Paul said you would reap in due season. *Due season* in the Greek is *idios*. It means *your own*. **Each of us has our own season because every individual has sown different seeds in various seasons.** Some people obey God fully; others only partially. But God is not mocked; you will reap what you've sown!

Solomon, the wealthiest man who has ever lived, wrote, “*Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days*” (*Ecclesiastes 11:1*). It may take many days, weeks, months or years, but your harvest is coming!

I'm believing for harvest on the biggest seed I've ever sown! Several years ago, the Lord told me to give the first aircraft my ministry ever owned to Oral Roberts' ministry. It was a gigantic seed for me to sow. At the time, I was doing services in three cities every Sunday. I began in Detroit, flew to Atlanta, and then did an evening service in Phoenix. Trying to keep that schedule while flying commercial is nearly impossible. It was a huge step of faith to give that aircraft away.

I sowed it almost 20 years ago, and I am fully assured that the seed has taken root. I've fed it with the water of the Word of God, and I know that it will sprout forth very soon! I will not be weary, and I shall reap a harvest because I will not give up! Recently, the Lord told me

what kind of aircraft He would send as my harvest on that seed, and it is newer, bigger, and much better than the one I gave! Don't give up! Through faith and with patience, you will inherit the promise!

Partner, if you've made some mistakes or missed God or even fell into sin, don't let your past keep you from the magnificent future God has planned for you! Consider what God said to Moses after the children of Israel created a golden calf to worship in the desert.

Exodus 34:5-7

And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Partner, God is not only abundant in blessings; He is abundant in mercy! God is good; He is very, very good! He is abundantly good, and He is more than sufficiently good regardless of your needs! He remembers every seed you've sown, and He will not be mocked. You shall receive a harvest!

Don't forget these words as we enter in the Christmas season. Our God is a God of abundance, and He loves us very much; He is truly faithful! And remember to give God, the Father thanks for His Most Precious Gift, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Partner, Pastor Deborah and I pray for you daily. You are important to us. More importantly, you are important to our Lord! You are always on our minds and in our hearts.

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