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Sowing and Reaping

It's the most wonderful time of the year. No, not Christmas... at least not yet. It's fall, ya'll! You may prefer to call it autumn. It's also harvest season. It's also football season. Like I said, it's the most wonderful time of the year. While I do enjoy football, I get most excited about the harvest. All the hard work our farmers put in throughout the year comes to fruition at the harvest. Farmers all over are reaping what they have sown. If they planted beans, they're now harvesting many more beans. If they planted corn, they're now harvesting much more corn. The apostle Paul writes to the church in Corinth, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6). This is the law of sowing and reaping. Jesus once told a story about a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. But one night, under cover of darkness, one of his enemies went out to that same field and sowed weeds. No one could tell, of course, until the plants sprouted and produced heads, revealing which were weeds and which were wheat. Not wanting to rip up the wheat along with the weeds the farmer concluded, "Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn" (Matthew 13:30). The only way to spot the difference between wheat and weeds is to inspect their fruit. Eventually, you will be able to tell the difference, just as you can tell the difference between corn and beans. It will be obvious, because we reap what we sow. We reap where we sow. We reap in proportion to what we sow. Likewise, at some point it becomes obvious to those around you what kind of fruit you tend to produce. Are you producing the fruit of the Spirit or the fruit of the flesh? Are you bearing the fruit of selflessness or selfishness? What kind of fruit you produce will eventually prove your identity. Will you choose to be wheat or weeds? It's up to you. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).