

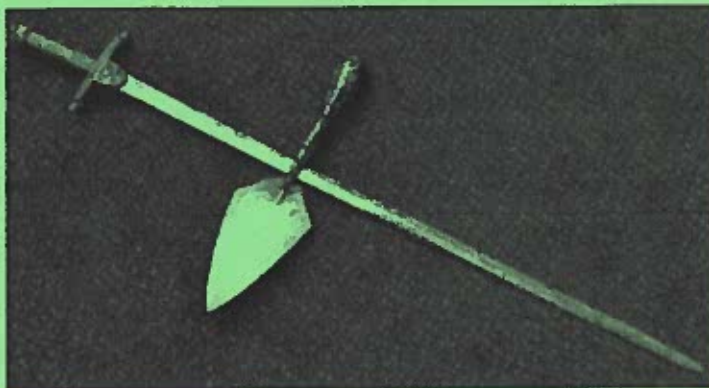
# The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *“As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded.”* Nehemiah 4:18

## THE LAWS OF SOWING & REAPING (Part 4) You Reap After You Sow

God has established certain laws or principles to govern this world. This is my fourth article sharing thoughts on the laws of sowing and reaping based on the Apostle Paul's words in **Galatians 6:7-10**. When it comes to the laws of sowing and reaping, there are three basic laws:

1. You reap what you sow.
2. You reap more than you sow.
3. You reap after you sow.

Today I want to focus on the third law: **You reap after you sow.**

When you sow seed, you will not reap the harvest in the same season. If you sow your seed in the spring, you will not typically reap your harvest in the spring. You must wait until fall when the harvest is ready. That is the illustration for this principle. You sow the seed in the spring season and you will reap the harvest in the fall season. **You reap after you sow.**

This is not an easy law for us because we are impatient! In fact, it is often during this time of waiting for the harvest that many people will become discouraged and give up.

Think about what typically happens with New Year's resolutions. You set a goal to lose weight. You determine to exercise daily and eat healthier. And you will do this...for a few days. But after 5 days of exercise that makes your muscles sore and eating dinners with food of which you do not like the taste, you step on the scale and see that you have lost 0.034 pounds. And you think: **“THIS IS NOT WORTH IT !!!”** So you give up and go back to your previous eating and exercise habits.

What happened here? We have decided that these decisions to eat healthier and exercise will not make a difference for us. But what has really happened is, we have forgotten the principle: **You reap after you sow.** Small decisions do make a difference over time. You must be patient and wait for the appropriate season to show your results.

How many times have we tried to grow closer to God, only to get discouraged because we do not see any progress? How many times have we stopped praying because we do not see the answer for which we are hoping?

It is dangerous to forget this principle: **You reap after you sow.** That is why Paul encouraged the church by writing, *“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**)

Far too often we judge the success of a day based on the harvest we reap. We need to change our thinking. Do not judge a day's success based on your harvest - judge the day's success based on how many seeds you have planted.

Did you honor God today? Did you do good today? Did you pray today? Did you read the Word today? Did you love your family today? Did you encourage your church family today?

Those are some great seeds to plant. Just imagine the harvest if you do not give up! Keep on planting my friends. You reap after you sow. Do not give up!

Wade Allen, Evangelist

**Baptism February 27<sup>th</sup>:**

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Ruth Margaret

**COMING EVENTS**

April 3 Men's Breakfast & Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 A.M. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome.

**1<sup>ST</sup> IMPRESSIONS MINISTRY**

The purpose of the First Impressions Ministry is to make a great first impression! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry of welcoming people to our church, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall.

**THE SECRET LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN**

How can a Christian lead a secret life when he is supposed to be the light of the world? To find out, join us on Wednesday night as Chris Ponchot leads our study.

<u>SERVICES</u>	
Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Evangelism Class(Wedns.)	7:00
Youth for Truth	7:00

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
<u>March 14</u>		<u>March 21</u>
Sunday School	25	41
A.M.Church	72	76
P.M.Evangelistic Service	45	39
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,922	\$5,810
Wednesday Evening	30	33

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Wilbur & Laurel Dill  
 Bill & Mary Sue Friend  
 Yvonne Moss (surgery recovery)  
 Summit School of Preaching  
 PTL: Harold Bouthot called back to work  
 our government/ our nation  
 Christians around the world being persecuted  
 Mike Purvis (non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma)  
 Norma Heckathorn/ Don Emrick (suffer with Vertigo)  
 PTL: new daughter born to Matt & Sarah Crosby  
 bereavement: Ann Long family  
     George Faull family & friends  
     Mia Andrews family (passing of aunt)  
 Lori Bouthot's brother, John (surgery recovery)

Gene Wedekind (health)  
 our evangelist, elders & deacons, teachers  
 Mark Whitsett  
 each other  
 ladies' Bible study  
 Jeff VanCuren  
 Amiah Worley  
 Marjorie Fiedler (health)  
 our widows  
 George Faull family (his passing)  
 our missionaries  
 Linda & Donna Faull (health)  
 Hank Whitmer (health declining)  
 David Schwartzkopf  
 our nation

*God wants us to be kind.  
 Meditation 1 Peter 3:8  
 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion  
 one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be  
 courteous.*

Let God have your whole heart for your whole life

Prepare for your finals! Read the Bible!