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- Jesus taught profound spiritual truths by means of farming parables
 - The parable of the sower represents the Gospel - Matt. 13:1-23
 - The Kingdom is compared to a vine - John 15:1-8
 - Or a flock of sheep - John 10:1-16
 - The resurrection is illustrated with sowing seed - 1Cor. 15:36
 - Judgment is compared to separating sheep from goats - Matt. 25:31-46
 - Living in sin is compared to a hog wallow - Luke 15:11-32
 - Apostates are equated with thorns and briars - Heb. 6:4-8
 - Reprobates are associated with dogs and hogs - Matt. 7:6; 2Peter 2:20-22

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- The immutable law of the harvest teaches that every act has inevitable consequences.
- “Immutable - Unchanging over time; unable to be changed; fixed, set, rigid, permanent, established” (*Google Dictionary*)

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- The infallible rule in the natural realm
 - Gen. 1:11-12 - “Then God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”

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- Gen. 3:17-19 - “Then to Adam He said, Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”
- Gen. 8:21 - “And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.”

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- Matt. 13:24-30 - “Another parable He put forth to them, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares? 28 He said to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Do you want us then to go and gather them up? 29 But he said, No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

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 - Prov. 22:8-9 - “He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, And the rod of his anger will fail. 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.”

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- 2Cor. 9:6 - “But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”
- Hosea 8:3, 7 - “Israel has rejected the good; The enemy will pursue him... 7 They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind”
- Hosea 10:12-13 - “Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you. 13 You have plowed wickedness; You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, Because you trusted in your own way, In the multitude of your mighty men.”

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- Three things are certain from the Law of the Harvest:
- You reap only what you have sown
 - Matt. 13:23 - “But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

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- You reap only when you have sown
 - 1Cor. 15:36 - “Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.”
- You reap more than you have sown
 - Hosea 8:7 - “They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind.”

All Of Us Are Sowing Toward The Great Harvest

- We are sowing in the field of family relationships
- Fathers
 - Eph. 6:4 - “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”
 - Titus 1:6 - “...If a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.”
 - Col. 3:21 - “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

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- Mothers

- Titus 2:4-5 - “that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”
- 1Tim. 5:9-10 - “Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, 10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.”

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- Husbands

- Eph. 5:25, 28 - “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her... 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.”

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- Wives

- Eph. 5:29-30 - “For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.”
- 1Peter 3:1, 7 - “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives... 7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”

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- Children

- Eph. 6:1-3 - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: 3 that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”
- Prov. 3:1-2 - “My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.”

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- We are sowing in the field of community relationships
- Neighbors
 - Rom. 12:18 - “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”
 - Matt. 5:43-46 - “You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

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- Friends

- Prov. 18:24 - “A man who has friends must himself be friendly”
- Prov. 17:9, 17 - “He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends...
17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.”
- Prov. 25:17 - “Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.”

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- Employers/Employees
 - Eph. 6:5-9 - “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”
 - Prov. 29:21 - “He who pampers his servant from childhood Will have him as a son in the end.”

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- Civil Government

- Rom. 13:1-2 - “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

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- Enemies

- Rom. 12:20 - “Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

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- We are sowing in the field of spiritual relationships
- Bible study
 - Heb. 5:12-14 - “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

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- Overcoming sin

- Heb. 12:6-8 - “For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”

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- Generosity

- 2Cor. 9:6-7 - “But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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- Service
 - Luke 6:38 - “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

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- Worship

- Matt. 6:1, 5, 17-18 - “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven... 5 And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward... 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

Some Will Reap In The Present

- Psalm 37:1-9 - “Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret-it only causes harm. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.”

Some Will Reap In The Present

- Acts 12:21-23 - “So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, The voice of a god and not of a man! 23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Everyone Will Reap In Eternity

- Psalm 73:17-19 - “Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. 19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.”
- Luke 16:22-23 - “So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.”