

A Bountiful Harvest-Part 1



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A few weeks ago, I decided to put action to my thoughts of going to local farms to get fresh produce. There are a number of reasons why I am doing this.

- 1) To start and maintain a healthier diet with lower cost.
- 2) To support the local farmers.
- 3) (As silly as this one may sound it is true) To receive new insights for greater spiritual growth and more writing material. (I grow spiritually in many different ways and one of them is through writing).
- 4) To gain more knowledge of the sowing, growing, and reaping process.
- 5) It's a perfect way to spend time with my family, share an experience with them, and teach my children about healthy living naturally and supernaturally.

This past weekend I drove with my kids and went to a local farmer's market where we could pick our own vegetables. I was too late for the summer fruits and it's too early for me to get apples (that's coming in a few weeks).

Most of us know that plants need good soil, sunlight, and water. As I was walking through the rows of the gardens, a multitude of thoughts began to flood my thoughts and I received some things that I didn't know I knew but I instantly just knew (let that sentence catch up to you). In this series I will share the things revealed to me (I don't know how long this series will be because I didn't even know it would be a series until I started writing this). This is the season of harvest and we all need to switch our mindset to God's great plan for the world. As you continue reading, think of any one of us as a vegetable planted in God's garden.

Before the seed ever gets planted, the soil has to be prepared. This is a process of removing debris and "turning" the soil for air flow, nutrients to feed the seed, and softness so the roots can go deep in order to receive maximum yield.

Jeremiah 4:3 - For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns..."

When I first began my relationship with the God-head, this was one of the first scriptures Holy Spirit led me to. Remember, I had given my heart to the Lord a few years before I started my relationship with Him. I always thought Salvation was a one-way street eternally. It is not. Yes, Salvation is a free gift and available for all no matter what our sins may have been. However, there is a working out of our salvation that must occur for our growth in the Lord to become more and more like Him.

Breaking up our "fallow" (not ready for seeds to grow; sometimes hard) ground is the first step. This step is us coming to the Lord confessing and knowing that we are a sinner. Then asking Him by Holy Spirit to come into our hearts and change us moment by moment and day by day. The next step is becoming and being obedient to our Lord through Holy Spirit.

Most of us reading this have probably already done this step at least once. This is a continuous process for many different areas in our lives. A sower doesn't only turn the soil once in a lifetime to keep planting seeds. It needs to be prepared every time a new crop is planted and for each individual crop. The process becomes easier after the initial plowing.

Let us all take this week to ask Holy Spirit what areas of our lives are still not penetrable to Him. We first have to grow in order to help others grow. Our soil (foundation) must be full of nutrients to help the next crop grow. Stay tuned...this is turning out to be a harvest in itself. I pray this feeds us all.

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