

THE HARVEST

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Hebrews 12:11 – For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness—in conformity to God’s will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God].

When I read the discipline part – I thought “oh boy... here we go” because sometimes the Lord really has to deal with me and it’s not always pleasant at first.... But then as I read further I saw the end of the tunnel – the part that God ALWAYS sees when it comes to you and me. He sees our conforming – He sees the RESULTS – He sees the harvest that we are yielding when we are obedient and we are allowing Him to train us up in the way we need to go.

Gen 4:7 – If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Friends, doing what is right is not always easy is it? However, there it is in black and white, if we don’t do what we know is right – SIN IS CROUCHING AT OUR DOOR. Wow... waiting for us to mess up. But if the bible says that we must rule over it, then we CAN rule over it. God gives us heavenly agendas and duties that He knows we can do because He empowers us to do them and He longs for the reaping of our obedience. RIGHT LIVING and RIGHT STANDING with God. Look at two powerful examples of people who had that right relationship with God.....

Gen 5:24 – And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].

Gen 6:9 – This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.

The benefits of being obedient and taking our lickings when we mess up far outweigh the road we could travel which could lead to ultimate destruction if we choose it. Being obedient even unto death, Jesus when to the cross for our sin and the end result, our freedom from sin and power over the sin that crouches at our door!! Praise God!!

We win! Take your lumps and man up! Did I just say that?! I love our readers, each and every one of them and want to walk this out with you all – reaping the harvest of choosing to obey.

Lord help us to go into this weekend with open hearts to Your word – remembering what YOU say about our day to day living and remembering that You give us mercy and grace to meet You and hear You and obey You. Lord I pray that those of us who are choosing to make wrong decisions, would have their eyes open to the constant trap of the enemy and walk the other way into Your grace, love, and forgiveness. When we are weak, You make us strong. We desire the Harvest You have planned for us. All of it! We claim it for our lives and we ask You Holy Spirit to guide us through the stretches of hard times where even then, we remain obedient because we desire the better outcome. We know with You all things are possible – we Press on in Jesus name! We press on.... Setting our eyes on You, the Lord of the Harvest.

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