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Reaping What You Sow

We all have trouble and problems in our lives. If we don't go to the Lord about it, we can get angry and frustrated, and that can eventually lead to discouragement and even harboring bitterness toward someone.

Recently Bill talked about the Parable of the Sower. In Matthew 13:3-9, ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

So, this is a principal of God that whatever we sow we reap. If we worship out of our spirit and not our flesh, we will sow spiritually and reap spiritually.



Prayer and Praise

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Prayer and Praise should go together like Soup and Sandwich do.

There are hundreds of scriptures in the Bible about prayer and praise. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Acts 15:41 tells about Paul and Silas who travelled together as fellow missionaries and traveling companions. They went to Syria and Cilicia ministering to the churches. After going through Asia Minor, the Holy Spirit led Paul and Silas into Macedonia where many were saved and a church was established. Satan did not like what they were doing to expand God's Kingdom and they were arrested and put in jail.

When Paul and Silas were in jail, they had been beaten with many stripes, had their feet put in

We believe that God answers prayer, that miracles and healing are for today, and the Word of God (the Bible) is the Truth. We desire that all grow in their faith. We look to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and because of His sacrificial death upon the cross we can have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

stocks, and they were cast into the innermost prison. At midnight they prayed. They needed an answer and added to their prayers, praises unto God. They did not whine about it either. In verse 26 it says, "And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. The other prisoners heard them and the jailer also heard them. He went into where they were and they told him they were all there. The jailer asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" They said to him in verse 31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The jailer cleaned their stripes and released them. The answer came as they were praying and praising God.

Paul and Silas were likeminded and were in fellowship together serving God. They had been praying to God and praising Him in very difficult circumstances. But they did not let their circumstances rule them, they still prayed and praised God. Satan was trying to end their ministry, but they offered sacrifices of prayer and praise; their circumstances changed. They are great examples of how our lives should be. Paul and Silas had on the full armor of God and used their weapons of warfare against the wiles of the devil. It tells us in Ephesians 6:11 we too can do that.

I don't know if you ever have, but I have had some trouble with my computer. I am not technically challenged so when my computer freezes or stays offline, it is very frustrating when I can't fix it right away. At times I just want to throw it of the window and get a new one. That would not solve the problem and would prove to be very costly. So, I pray and ask God to fix it and then praise Him for doing it, even if it is not fixed yet. Before I know it, it is working perfectly. I did not get mad, but instead I prayed to God and praised Him.

Psalm 113:3 declares, "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised." It is important that when you get up in the morning that you pray and praise God in all things. You should, even before you get out of bed, tell God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus good morning, thank them for the new day, and pray and praise them for the new day. In Psalm 34: 1-3, it says, ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; says, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the LORD

with me, and let us exalt His name together. This will change your entire life!

If you have never praised God, start by just saying thank you to Him for all that He has done for you, in your life, your families' lives and your friends' lives. Do it as a personal part of your life every day. Once you do, you will never stop. It will become part of your vocabulary, just as your heart beats without you even thinking about it. You will want to praise Him at all times. Philippians 2:9-11 tells us His name represents His being, describing who He is, "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

In II Corinthians 10:4 it says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." Start praising God today if you don't already. When you find yourself upset about something, praise Him and ask Him to help you get through whatever is going on and bugging you. I can personally say your whole attitude will change and your life will forever change once you pray and praise God.

What do your family, friends and others see when they look at you? We are made in God's image, and what others see should be a reflection of God! That is one of the greatest witnesses right there - a great evangelism tool right in you. You will find that people will start asking you why your life is different and how they can get what you have. What a great way to expand God's Kingdom by prayer and praise.

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*In March we are
meeting on Friday,
March 2, 9, 11, and 23.*

*We are not meeting on
Good Friday, March 30.*

*Clocks ahead one hour
on Sunday, March 11th.*

