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HARVEST OR CROP FAILURE

I like to grow avocados. It is so pleasurable to see the seed sprout and grow. I have grown hundreds and have given most away. I have placed some in the water to sprout but they never took root. Others take root but they die when they are young. Still others have become trees, and they are producing. One thing is very necessary for each of them to grow and that is they must be planted. Some people put them into the ground immediately after cutting an avocado open, but I prefer to let them root in water. They produce a strong root system if they are "watered." It is easy to forget watering them in the busyness of life, and I have had some die because of this.

Regardless, if they are in a jar of water or in the ground, they need to be tended to. They need the touch of the "gardener's hand" to make it. The same is true with anything that is grown, it needs nourishment and love. I speak to my trees and tell them how good a job they are doing. We could learn a lesson about life from plants, my friends.

Everything starts from a seed. The scriptures in Genesis 8:22 tell us that there will always be **"seedtime and harvest."** Planting must be a continual process if we are to have a continuous harvest. It is after being planted that most of the work is done, between the planting and the harvest. If we do not take care of what we plant, we are guaranteed a crop failure.

People are much like this. They come from a seed planted in the womb of their mother. Many never come forth to grow because they did not make it out of the womb through either natural occurrences or forced occurrences. They could be called "crop failures."

Many times, after birth when a child is not given the love and nourishment that they need to grow healthy in mind and body, it will cause them to not mature properly. They may grow, but they become stifled in their growth caused by the bruising or hurt from neglect. Oftentimes they are left wounded and have been branded as not viable. No one was there to lift them up when they fell. They too become crop failures.

I believe that we are in the harvest time season spiritually. There are so many souls that do not have the "seed of God" planted in them. Jesus said his fields are white and ready for harvest, but the laborers are few. It seems to me that if people can take care of plants, then they could also take care of Jesus' field of unharvested souls before there is a crop failure.

Each of us should look for God to lead us to souls that need birthing. We should look to God to lead us to lives that need to be helped back up when they have been thrown to the ground from the storms of life.

We cannot wait for someone else to do it when God is calling us to be the laborers to bring in His harvest.