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SEED TIME AND HARVEST

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, ***“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven.”*** What is God’s chief “purpose under heaven?” Is it not that all souls should be brought into the kingdom of God? 2 Peter 3:9a says, ***“Not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”*** What is our role in helping to achieve that goal? Yes, God uses us, you and me, and all believers to accomplish that goal. Our “season and time” for that purpose is mentioned in Ecclesiastes 3:2a where it says, ***“a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.”***

As a gardener, it is noted that there are several steps from seed time to harvest. First, the ground must be prepared, then the seed must be planted in the right season. Spiritually, the ground is prepared by hearing the gospel. The seed is planted by you as you witness or share your experience. The right season is the moment that The Holy Spirit prompts you to speak to someone. The Holy Spirit has at that point prepared a heart to receive it.

The seed must then be watered. The Word of God being shared is the water. Then the garden must be cultivated. The spiritual cultivation usually comes from a pastor, teacher, or other ministers who teach (cultivate) the word of God. Once the crop matures, it must be harvested. Spiritually, a soul winner is the harvester, and it is the job of every believer to be prepared to harvest a soul unto salvation.

To “Pluck up” means the harvest is complete, and the ground is then made ready for another harvest. So, ***“a time to plant, and a time to pluck up”*** describe the seasons of the true believers’ purpose in life.

You might be a seed planter, a witness. You might be a waterer, sharing the Word of God. You might be a cultivator, teaching or preaching the word. You might be a harvester, who is one that leads people to salvation. Or, when the field is plucked up and made ready for the next planting, you may be one who is sending the word to a field either by sponsoring Bible and gospel tract distribution, or by sponsoring a ministry or missionary who is working the field.

Whatever your particular role may be, know that we all have some part in the seed time and harvest. Every believer does. What is your role?