

"WINTER" SEASONS

TIMES AND SEASONS PART 2

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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:7-9

SEED + TIME = HARVEST

"Days are long, but the years are short."

Gretchen Rubin

"Acts of faith... are seeds planted in the soil of life, and they will come up one day... People reap what they sow." (But)

"Long stretches of darkness and invisibility and silence separate planting from reaping."

Eugene Peterson

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and

burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:1-8

1. God Are You _____ Me For Something?

...my Father is the gardener.

John 15:1

"Oh wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Percy Shelley

2. God, Are You _____ Something From Me?

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful...

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:2-4

3. God, Are You _____ Something Through Me?

When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Job 23:10

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8

** All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*