

Patient Planting & Harvesting

2021-04-18 by Ben Deaver at Tallgrass Church on Galatians 6:7-10

CG Flow:

- King of My Heart
- Fresh Wind
- Teaching
- Springtime
- It Is Well With My Soul
- The Blessing

Facebook Live Description:

Join us in person or online for Church in the Club! 10am Sunday mornings at the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan or right here!

"Patient Planting"

Galatians 6:7-10

April 18, 2021

Ben Deaver

~~~~~

WEB: <https://tallgrass.church>

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/tallgrasschurch/>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0drX4wrsE5n9yLza8HSNIQ>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/tallgrasschurch>

*Because God first loved you, you exist to love God and love your neighbors!*

# Welcome!

## Mingle question: What's the last thing you've planted?

### The ZZ plant—Zamioculcas Zamiifolia

- Bring the ZZ plant
- Time lapse of ZZ plant growth over a month—  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfzT\\_T5wXbU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfzT_T5wXbU)
  - You can't see it growing just by watching minute by minute but you can see the growth day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year.
  - Evaluating ourselves daily makes it very difficult to see progress but if we look at our lives annually we can begin to see progress more clearly.
- Tuesday morning Tallgrass Prayer on Linear Trail and Bill starts praying, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
- Patient planting WILL produces a harvest!

### Pray

#### Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit.

- Patient planting WILL produces a harvest!
- Grit, Moxie, Resilience, Perseverance, Stick-to-it-iveness
- What's an example in your life where you had to be patient for the results you wanted?
  - Making traction on financial goals
  - Being able to do handstand push-ups
  - Wanting a friend to get connected in your church family
  - Praying for a family member to come to faith in Jesus
- **Ephesians 2:8-10** <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- Reap what though? What is a successful harvest?

## Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest.

- Principle of Life; How the world works; It Is What It Is
- This can be viewed negatively...like, "Oh man, I'll reap what I sow." Or positively...like, "Oh man, I'll reap what I sow."
- **Exodus 34:6-7** <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."
  - Grace abounds!
  - There are real consequences for our actions...even as we are forgiven of the penalty of our wrongdoing. We truly do reap what we sow. We harvest what we plant.
  - There's more going on than daily successes and failures. We're talking about generations being impacted for destruction of for health by the way we live now.
  - And we are the harvest of those who've come before us! We are impacted by our families of origin going back for generations. This may be an area of exploration for you. I know it if for me.
  - Grace abounds!

## Galatians 6:8

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

- Exhibit A and B: Adam and Jesus
- Adam harvests what he planted and it results in death for all who are in Adam.
- Jesus harvests what He planted and it results in life for all who are in Him.
- **1 Corinthians 15:22-23** <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
  - You may not feel anger towards Adam for his actions by eating of the tree and the results in your life that have been produced but that doesn't mean it's not real. You are the fruit of Adam!
  - But praise be to God, that you may not feel the joy and gratitude and emotion towards Jesus for His actions of hanging on the tree and the results in your life that are being produced but that doesn't mean it's not real.

- Every moment in your life you are either walking in the way of Adam or Jesus. You're either planting to harvest weeds or planting to harvest life.
- What are you harvesting in your life NOW as a result of what you planted one year ago?
  - Some of you have planted well this last year and are already harvesting a crop of abundant life.
  - Some of you missed that planting season and may be harvesting a crop of weeds.
  - Most of us are somewhere in between the two.
  - The good news is that it's always planting time in the Kingdom of God!
- Seven Pillars Men
  - The harvest I'm seeing in the lives of the men who went through Seven Pillars of Freedom together for ten months is awesome! Not finished. But awesome nonetheless.
- **Hebrews 12:11** For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
- **Galatians 5:16-18** <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- **Galatians 5:19-21** <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
  - Pretty gnarly list of weeds right there!
- **Galatians 5:22-25** <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
  - What a beautiful harvest!
- Concatenation of the Fruit
  - Concatenation—a series of interconnected things or events
- You will harvest what you plant!
  - Go to bed late after watching copious amounts of hilarious YouTube videos. I'll wake up tired.
  - Eat jampong noodle soup from Imperial Garden Express while adding tons of hot oil. Then...

**Galatians 6:8** The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

## Natural AND Supernatural Growth

- John 6 and sowing our five loaves and two fish
- Sexual Integrity: 101 point
- Miracles...sometimes
  - Jesus did miracles early in His ministry to show that He was, in fact, from God. But later in His ministry He decreasingly did miracles for people and taught them the way of the Kingdom of God. Walk this way to experience abundant life.
  - Similarly with the Apostles in Acts, miracles early on but then settling into the difficult road of following Jesus daily, weekly, monthly, year after year.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8** <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.
  - Plant the seeds to harvest the crop. Paul isn't giving them Miracle Grow!
- **James 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
  - Plant the seeds to harvest the crop. No Miracle Grow here either!
- **1 Corinthians 3:5-9** <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

## Strategic Sowing in Our Community

- Neighboring Fund
- Orphan Helpers
- Helping International Students
- Be Able
- Life Choice Ministries
- Working Men of Christ
- Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan

## Strategic Partnerships for Our Own Growth

- **Mark 12:29-30** <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'"
- Thrivent
- Kansas Leadership Center
- Pure Desire
- Konza Strength
- Emotionally Healthy Discipleship

## Planting between now and fall

- Develop a plan for LIFE Groups in the fall
- Develop a plan for a Fall Launch as we move out of the pandemic, including more advertising and intentional neighboring and inviting
- Have a Welcome to Tallgrass Church Zoom Meeting with an opportunity to hear more about Tallgrass Church, ask questions, and have an opportunity to consider becoming a Member of Tallgrass Church
- Leadership training with *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship* on Tuesday evenings

### *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship: Moving from Shallow Christianity to Deep Transformation*

1. Be Before You Do—Slows down our lives to cultivate a deep, personal relationship with Jesus amidst the hurry and distractions that routinely overload us.
2. Follow the Crucified, Not the Americanized Jesus—Offers guidelines to determine how much the values and goals of Western culture have compromised, or even negated, the radical call of Jesus to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.
3. Embrace God's Gift of Limits—Makes provision for surrendering to, rather than fighting against, the gift of God's limits in our lives.
4. Discover the Treasures Buried in Grief and Loss—Integrates sadness and loss into our following of Jesus. As a result we no longer miss out on the treasures God has buried within them.
5. Make Love the Measure of Maturity—Provides clear criteria to measure spiritual maturity by how we are growing in our ability to love others.
6. Break the Power of the Past—Connects how our family of origin and personal history influence our discipleship in the present. We no longer treat deep patterns and traumas from the past with a quick fix.
7. Lead Out of Weakness and Vulnerability—Embraces weakness and vulnerability as core to accessing God's power and offering his love to the world.

### **Galatians 6:10**

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

- Seize the Kairos Moment (2540)
- Love people well NOW who are in the Tallgrass family!
  - Goodbyes coming up!
    - Send AJ off to Fort Bragg
    - Send Josh off to Texas for a year
    - Send Nick off to his deployment
  - Health challenges and loss
- Water the flowers!
- Patient planting WILL produces a harvest!

Pray!

# The Chopping Block:

Interview Taylor Hillegeist

1. How have you sown into your relationship with God? What are you reaping?
2. How have you sown into your soul? What are you reaping?
3. How have you sown into your neighborhood? What are you reaping?

Passages:

- **Galatians 6:7-10 MSG** <sup>7-8</sup> Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. <sup>9-10</sup> So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.
- **Galatians 6:7-10 NLT** <sup>7</sup> Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.
- **Galatians 6:7-10** <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- **Isaiah 61:11** For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.
- **Isaiah 61:11 MSG** For as the earth bursts with spring wildflowers, and as a garden cascades with blossoms, So the Master, GOD, brings righteousness into full bloom and puts praise on display before the nations.
- **Hebrews 10:36-39** <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup> For,  
     "Yet a little while,  
         and the coming one will come and will not delay;  
<sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith,  
         and if he shrinks back,



my soul has no pleasure in him.”

<sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

- Satan reaps what he sows. See Ezekiel 28.
  - **Ezekiel 28:18** By the multitude of your iniquities,  
in the unrighteousness of your trade  
you profaned your sanctuaries;  
so I brought fire out from your midst;  
it consumed you,  
and I turned you to ashes on the earth  
in the sight of all who saw you.
- We reap what we sow.
  - My story: Gym, Soul Care, therapy