

Practical Issues (1)

Harvesting Holiness

1. What It's All About: Holiness

1) The Meaning of Holiness

- To conform us to the image of God, 1 Pet 1:13-16
- To restore the image of God in us, Eph 4:22-24

2) The Goal is Holiness

- God's goal for us in life: 1 Thes 3:13, Heb 12:10
- Our goal for us in our life. Heb 12:14

3) The Command is Holiness

- 1 Pet 1:15-16
- Eph 4:24
- Rom 6:19
- Rom 12:1-2

2. How It Is Achieved: Sanctification

Holiness is the goal

Sanctification is the means: 2 Thes 2:13, 1 Pet 1:2

1) God's Work

- The Holy Spirit, i.e. "the Spirit of holiness", Rom 1:4.
- The Holy Spirit's work in regenerating and renewing, Titus 3:5

2) Our Work

- Phil 2:12-13

3. What Is Our Work: Sowing and Harvesting

Gal 6:7-8

1) The Universal Principle

- Gen 8:22

- Sow, if you want a harvest. Eccl 11:4
- Sow the right seed, good seed if you want the right crop, a good crop.
- Sow a lot of seed if you want a large crop.

2) The Holiness Principle

- Sow holiness, if you want to harvest holiness. Psa 126:5-6
- Sow the right seed, good seed if you want the right crop, a good crop.
 - "He who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption." Job 4:8, Prov 22:8, Hos 8:7,
 - "He who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." Hos 10:12,

Cf Gal ch 5

- Walking in the Spirit (vv 16,25)
- Being led by the Spirit (v 18)
- Living in the Spirit (v 25)

→ The harvest you will reap is "the fruit of the Spirit" (vv 22-23)

- Sow a lot of seed if you want a large crop, 2 Cor 9:6,

4. Some Specific Crops: Sowing and Harvesting

1) Sexual Holiness

- 1 Thes 4:3,7, 1 Cor 6:18-20

2) Tongue Holiness

- Jas 1:26, 3:2; Eph 4:29-32

3) Love Holiness

- Gal 5:22-23, 1 Pet 1:22

4) Bible Reading Holiness

- 1 Pet 2:1-3

5) Prayer Holiness

- Jude 20-21

5. Motivations to Holiness

1) Three Positive Motivations

- 2 Cor 6:18-7:1, 2 Pet 3:10-12, 1 John 3:1-3

2) A Negative Motivation

- Gal ch 6:7a