Enjoying the FRUIT of HARD WORK

The Christian is a FARMER, 2 Timothy 2:6-7 Chris Mueller 9-9-2018

Introduction:

- 6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops
- 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything

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6a The hard-working farmer

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. <u>Always give yourselves fully</u> to the work of the Lord, because you know that <u>your labor</u> in the Lord is <u>not in vain</u>.

Proverbs 10:4 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 19:15 Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless go hungry.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

Proverbs 24:30 I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,

31 And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; Its surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall was broken down.

	6b The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops
	Deuteronomy 20:6 Who is the man that has planted a vineyard and has not begun to use its fruit? Proverbs 27:18 He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit Romans 1:13 I have planned to come to youso that I may obtain some <u>fruit</u> among you Philippians 1:22 if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean <u>fruitful</u> labor for me
#:	3 The T of the four analogies 1-7 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything
	John 16:13a when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth
	1 Corinthians 9:27 I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.
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	B. Labor for a P Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—
	C. Labor in His P Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.
	D. Labor against P Matthew 25:26 NIV His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has, will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant

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Questions for Growth in Christ

1. How is the Christian life like the work of a farmer?

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2. Why are Christians not often willing to work hard at their faith in Christ and ministry for Christ?

outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- 3. What would it look like if a community group or an entire church worked as hard as a farmer in their ministry for Christ?
- 4. Give some examples of Christians who work hard like a farmer.
- 5. What steps will you take in order to be more like a hardworking farmer in your life and ministry this week?
- 6. How can hard work and a share in the crop cause a believer to grow to be more like Christ and enjoy Christ more?