

## Are You Ready for Spring? – March 3rd

**Are you ready for spring?** I am! While we still have more cold weather, you can see the hints of spring. Never fear, my friends; warmer weather is coming!

Do you know how you can know spring is around the corner? Go to your local Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, or other stores with a nursery section. On display are all the various plants and seeds you need for whatever garden or flowers you desire. Already those of you who have gardens are thinking about the spring and summertime.

One truth all gardeners know is that if you don't plant seeds or seedlings, you will never have flowers or tomatoes. You must sow to reap. The Bible speaks of this in II Corinthians 9. Listen to what it says...

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

What an incredible promise. When we give, we are sowing seeds that result in experiencing the blessing of God. We don't give so that we will *get*. We give to sow into the lives of others for a spiritual and eternal harvest.

Your generosity today will sow seeds into the mission and ministry of our church.