

Who's Ready for Spring?

Who's ready for spring? Me too! While we still have more cold weather in store, 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? Just go to your local Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot or other store that has a nursery section attached. There on display are all the various plants and seeds you need for whatever garden or flowers you desire. Already those of you that do have gardens are thinking about the spring and summer time.

One truth all gardeners know is that if you do not plant seed or seedlings you will never have flowers or tomatoes. You have to 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. As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

What an incredible promise. When we give, we are sowing seed that results 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 in this offering is sowing seeds into the mission and ministry of our church. We are growing a garden of changed lives for the glory of God. Let's give generously today so that we can continue to experience the bountiful harvest God has in store for us.
