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*Matthew 10:42 "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."*

### **Reward**

*Matthew 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.*

### **Joy!**

*3 John 1:3-4 (RSV) For I greatly rejoiced when some of the brethren arrived and testified to the truth of your life, as indeed you do follow the truth. <sup>4</sup>No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth.*

*Psalms 126:6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with **songs of joy**, carrying sheaves with him.*

*Matthew 25:23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.'*

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## Flower Arranging: Joy

Sowing Seeds, Growing Gardens—part 6

October 15, 2017

### Jesus, on sowing and reaping

*John 4:34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."*

*John 4:35 "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."*

*John 4:36 "Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together."*

*John 4:37 "Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. (38) I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."*

*John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."*

*John 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.*

*John 4:41 And because of his words many more became believers.*

*John 4:42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

Sowing, watering, harvesting

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*produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

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*1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.*

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*Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.*

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*1 Corinthians 3:7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.*

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*Romans 1:13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.*

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*1 Corinthians 3:8 The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.*

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*Daniel 12:3 (RSV) And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.*

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*1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*

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*Galatians 6:9 (RSV) And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.*

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The wisdom and promise of harvest

*Matthew 13:8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it*

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The coming reward for sowing

**Meaning**

*1 Corinthians 15:58 (RSV) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

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