

COGA NEWS



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Harvest of Faith

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Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

October is a season we often associate with harvest. The fields that were carefully planted months ago now yield their fruit. Farmers understand the truth of sowing and reaping: you cannot expect to harvest what you have not planted. The Apostle Paul reminded the Galatians of this timeless principle, saying, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7).

In our spiritual lives, this principle holds just as true. If we sow seeds of kindness, patience, and love, the harvest will be peace and joy. But if we sow bitterness, selfishness, or neglect, the results will be just as evident. Harvest time calls us to examine what we are planting in the soil of our hearts, our homes, and our church family.



Think of the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22–23 — love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. These are not random blessings that simply appear.

They are the product of intentional sowing. We cultivate them by spending time with the Lord in prayer, immersing ourselves in His Word, and choosing to obey His voice in daily living.

Always a Time for Gratitude

October also gives us a reminder of gratitude. Farmers rejoice over the crops because they recognize that while they worked hard to plant and tend, it was God who gave the increase. In the same way, when we see spiritual fruit in our lives, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness. "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7).

What kind of harvest are you looking for this season? Are you desiring more peace in your home? Sow words of encouragement. Do you want stronger faith? Sow time in prayer and trust God with the details of your life. Do you long for unity in the church? Sow forgiveness, humility, and grace.

As we move deeper into the fall season, let October be more than a time for pumpkins and changing leaves. Let it be a season when we commit to sowing the kind of seeds that will yield

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a harvest pleasing to God. The promise of Galatians 6:9 encourages us: "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." May we persevere in faith, knowing that God's harvest will always come in His perfect time.

What seeds are you planting right now that will shape your spiritual harvest in the months ahead?



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 18th > NWSE One Day Women's Conference
- 13th – 17th > Southern District Convention

NOVEMBER

- 28th > Thanksgiving

Find more information on www.cogainc.org



A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- October weather: when you need a coat in the morning, short sleeves at noon, and a blanket at night.
- October: when candy corn becomes a food group.
- Don't be scared this October—the devil is already defeated!
- October is proof that God invented colors before crayons.
- "Why did the pastor bring a pencil to church? Because he wanted to draw closer to God!"
- Why did the tomato turn red? Because it saw the salad dressing!
- What's a pastor's two favorite exercises? Cross-training and Faith-lifting!
- In October, we celebrate the beauty of change—like the leaves and our waistlines!
- October is proof that God loves variety—He even lets the trees change outfits.
- October teaches us that sometimes it's okay to let things go.
- Fall is God's way of reminding us that change can be beautiful.

