

Harvest Celebration

1 Corinthians 3:6-8



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- 1621 – Wampanoag Indian Tribe and the Plymouth pilgrims
 - Goose
 - Corn
 - Cod Fish
 - Lobster
- 1777 – Continental Congress Declared National Day of Thanksgiving after Saratoga Victory
- 1863 – Abraham Lincoln Declared Last Thursday in November Thanksgiving
- 1941 – Congress Made Thanksgiving a Official National Holiday



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- 45 Million Turkeys will be eaten (1/5 Annual Sold Turkeys)
- 31.2 Million – Travel in Automobiles
- 4.7 Million – Travel by Airplane
- 2.8 Million – Travel by Train, Bus, or Other



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- 1934 – Detroit Lions First Thanksgiving Day Game
- 1966 – Dallas Cowboys First Thanksgiving Day Game

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- 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
- 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
- 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

Key Ingredients to a Successful Harvest

1. The Right Seed

God's Word is the Seed

Luke 8:11

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

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2. A Properly Equipped Planter

1. A Planter is Needed

Matthew 13:3

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

2. Seed Must be Planted for the Harvest to Come

Romans 10:13-15

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

3. The Planter is Responsible Only For the Equipment Used

Philippians 1:15-18

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

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1. Seek to Edify

1 Corinthians 14:3, 26

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

2. Seek to Comfort

1 Thessalonians 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

3. Seek to Increase

Ephesians 4:16

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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4. The Miracle of Growth (God's Hand)

Why was the vegetation great in this particular area?

Numbers 13:23-27

23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

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Numbers 13:23-27

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

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Corn Harvest

When husk is still green, silks dry brown, kernels full size, and yellow or white color to the tip of the ear. Harvest at the milky stage. (Test by puncturing a kernel with thumbnail. If a clear liquid appears, the corn is immature. If the liquid is milky, the corn is ready. If no liquid appears, the corn is over-ripe). Experienced gardeners can feel the outside of the husk and tell when the cob has filled out. Corn matures 17 to 24 days after first silk strands appear, more quickly in hot weather, slower in cool weather.

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What Fields are Ready to Harvest?

John 4:8, 31-38

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

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35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

The Great Day of Harvest

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16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



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