

*"...in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9*



Summers are known for withering heat. Shade must be sought to alleviate the burning heat of the noonday sun. Endless days are spent waiting for the harvest. Harvest will surely come if we have planted, but there must be cultivation and irrigation to produce a “good” harvest. Weeds do not need cultivating and are never planted on purpose. They blow in on the wind to take root in the good soil. Unless we root them out, they will gladly flourish and overshadow the good seed. As any gardener knows, a good harvest doesn’t happen by chance. It takes months of toil and care to protect the tender growth from the elements and predators. Bad habits do not need any encouragement to flourish in our lives. We must toil to protect the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God from the elements that would seek to destroy its presence in our lives. We do not toil alone, *“for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”* If we take His yoke upon ourselves, it is easy and the burden light. We can be assured of a bountiful harvest because, *“He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* We will not faint if we stand in the shade of the Rock of our salvation, and quench our thirst in the eternal stream of Living Water that springs therefrom. We will stay sheltered from the predators that would seek to snatch away that precious seed before it has a chance to grow and spread its branches to provide shade and shelter for others. A good harvest is never an accident.

*"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." ~Psalm 1:3*

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