

**1. In Genesis God speaks to Noah with a promise of Blessing: Read and discuss**

*"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease." Genesis 8: 22:*

**Seeding is our responsibility and opportunity ..and it determines what we will reap.**

"Genesis clearly shows us that the day that Adam and Eve sinned, the ground became cursed. It remained cursed until the time of Noah. Today that curse has been lifted.

*"Then the Lord said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake,... nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.'" Genesis 8.20-22*

Paul De Jong states:

*"The above verse carries such profound truth that, once realized, will release blessing in and through our lives. It is an immutable, unstoppable law that will remain as long as the earth remains. There will be seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night and each of us gets to determine the harvest by sowing seed, giving it time and reaping the reward. We must all come to realize that many things are beyond our control, but the harvest is not one of them." God, Money and Me; Chapter 27*

**DISCUSSION POINT**

What's meant by this (quite scary) statement:

*"Our Sowing of Seed is both our opportunity and our responsibility."*

**2. So, what does it mean to be using the principles of Biblical wisdom that we engage with in managing our resources?**

**Jesus speaks about Sowing in several different illustrations...Consider for example :**

*Matthew 25:14-25, 29 NASB. <http://bible.com/100/mat.25.14-25,29.nasb>*

*And also Matthew 13:1-13, 16-23 NASB. <http://bible.com/100/mat.13.1-13,16-23.nasb>*

**DISCUSSION POINT**

**What is it about this challenging statement from Jesus that both rings true in our experience and also at times seems almost unfair. Why does God allow this principle to permeate every aspect of society.**

*"For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away."*

**3. A One last insight on this theme from Paul de Jong**

"Paul said in Galatians 6: 7: (in the J.B. Phillips translation)-

"Don't be under any illusion: you cannot make a fool of God!

A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows." (See also 2 Corinthians 9: 6)

**Conclusion**

**Seeding is a Free Will Opportunity for the disciple...so choose to invest!**