

# **How to Last Through the Summer**

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## I. Introduction.

A. If you do not have a successful time, it is because of you.

B. There are seven laws of the harvest.

## II. We reap only what has been sown.

A. The laws are in the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 19:17)

B. The reason we have race problems goes back to a time when Americans sowed some wrong seed.

C. We can be forgiven from sins, but we may still suffer from its effects.

D. Wrong can be sown by others as well.

## III. We reap the same kind as we sow. (Matthew 5:45, Galatians 6:7-8)

A. Jacob deceived for the blessing, and he was deceived in a like manner.

## IV. We reap in a different season than we sow.

## V. We reap more than we sow.

A. God's justice grinds slowly, but exceedingly fine.

## VI. We reap in the same proportion as we sow.

## VII. We reap the full harvest of the good only if we persevere; however, evil comes on its own.

A. Review your Scripture memory.

B. Reread the books that have meant the most to you.

## VIII. We cannot do anything about last year's harvest, but we can about this year's harvest.

A. We have to change our minds and our thought patterns ("think another thought").

B. There is no holiday.

C. Keep accountable for your activity in God's Word.

D. Practice in the things you know that pay off.

**Application questions**

1. Which law of cause and effect stands out to you? Why?

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2. What is the importance of the laws of cause and effect?

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3. How will you change what you are doing now to produce what you want later? Be specific.

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