

Cause and Effect: Seven Laws of the Harvest

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I. Introduction.

A. Effects obey their causes by irresistible laws.

B. We reap what we sew.

C. In the Bible there is man's responsibility and God's sovereignty.

1. Reaping has to do with man's responsibility - we are to put off the old man.
(Colossians)

2. There is a parallel between our hard word and God's sole provision.

V. Cause and effect - seven laws of the harvest.

A. We reap only what is sewn.

1. The problems like race are there, but they do not have to be there for us in Christ.
(Psalm 9:17)

2. The answer is in turning to God in prayer. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

3. We only reap what has been sewn.

B. We reap the same in kind as we sew. (Psalm 23, Job 4:8)

1. King David was guilty of murder and adultery.

2. Several of David's sons and concubines were murdered.

3. Jacob and Joseph's brothers both reaped what they sew.

C. We reap in a different season than we sew.

1. God is on our side.

2. We are to wait upon the Lord. (Psalm 27:14, Isaiah 40:31, Habakkuk 2:3)

D. We reap more than we sew. (Romans 5:12)

E. We reap in the same proportion as we sew. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

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

1. In our life nothing stands still.

2. We cannot take a break on certain things: physical exercise, our minds, money, etc. (Ecclesiastes 10:18, Proverbs 28:21)

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

1. Do not mope around - take action.

2. The laws of cause and effect are immutable.

VI. To sin you must....

A. Have some time you are not accountable.

B. Have some money with which you are not accountable.

C. Be in fairly good health.

VII. To keep from sinning have someone know where you are at all times, be disciplined in regards to money and do not use money for the wrong reasons. (1 Peter 4:1)

A. Be alert when outside pressures are removed.

B. One of the greatest hindrances to sin is the presence of an outside elder.

C. If we put off spiritual matters, God will put off our spiritual product. (John 12:24)

D. God is looking for men and women who are living in victory to bring forth more fruit.

Application questions

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

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

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