Persevering till Harvest Time

Galatians 6:7-10

- **7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- **8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
- **9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- **10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Persevere - the steady persistence in a course of action or purpose, especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or <u>discouragement</u>.

Harvest - the process or period of gathering in crops

THEME OF TEST, TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

Maturity

James 1:2-4

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- **3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- **4** But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Confidence

James 5:10-11

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Focus

Hebrews 12:1-4

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

- **2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- **3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
- 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Let Us - You are not alone

Not be weary in well doing - Don't get tired of doing what is right and good

For in due season - At the right time(God's time)

We shall reap - God will reward us
If we faint not - Don't give up

Salvation is free. Christ paid the full price for our Salvation

In our Salvation the Holy Spirit leads us to do good works on behalf of Christ (*James 2:26*), and we shall reap a reward in heaven that shall not pass away(*Revelation 22:12*).

In *Galatians 6:7-10* The Agricultural concept of sowing seed and reaping a Harvest of the seeds planted was used by Paul to demonstrate a spiritual principle as well.

We plant the seeds of service that God assigns us, water them with our tears, fertilize them with our suffering, but God shines the light of His love and favor upon them and produces a great harvest

- 1. Careful knowledge of who you are in Christ-Romans 8:17
- 2. Continue talking to God through prayer-I *Thessalonians 5:17*
- 3. Consistent engaging with the Word-II Timothy 2:15
- 4. Confident Trust in God to guide you-Proverbs 3:5
- 5. Committed fellowship in church-Hebrews 10:25

Job

Job 13:15

15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Joseph

Genesis 50:19-20

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Jesus

Luke 22:41-42

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.