



A Harvest—But NOT Food?!

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And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. **2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (EHV)**

Quick question: What's one food you ate today?

Maybe it was pancakes, pizza, or goldfish crackers. Maybe it came from the grocery store, your lunchbox, or even a drive-through. No matter where you got it—food doesn't actually come from a box or bag.

We know lettuce doesn't grow in plastic wrap, burgers don't pop out of cardboard boxes, and bread doesn't grow on trees. Lettuce grows in a field, wheat grows and gets baked into bread, and cows eat grass until they're old enough to become burgers. That's called a harvest.

That's the idea Paul is talking about in God's Word today: A harvest. But instead of a harvest of FOOD, God is talking about a harvest of GOOD WORKS.

It works the same way. In a FOOD harvest, God gives seeds, rain, and sun so plants grow. In a GOOD WORKS harvest, God gives you faith through his Word, and the Holy Spirit helps you grow as a Christian. Listen to the way Paul describes it: "God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). Think of it like this: God wants to feed your faith, water your heart, and grow you into someone who produces a good harvest for others.

What does that harvest look like?

It might be kindness to your brothers or sisters. (Even when they annoy you!)

It might be helping with chores. (Even before a parent asks!)

It might be doing your best in school. (Even when no one notices!)

It might be encouraging a friend who's having a rough day.

That's God's harvest in your life!

Questions for Consideration

What's your favorite food and how do you think it's harvested?

Name one kind thing you could do for someone in your family.

What do plants need for a good harvest of food? (sun, water, good soil)

What do we need for a good harvest of righteousness? (God's Word, the Holy Spirit, prayer)

Sometimes weeds hurt crops. What are some weeds that can choke out our harvest of righteousness? (selfishness, laziness, anger, or distractions)

How could our family encourage each other to grow a harvest of righteousness at home?