



Harvest Time – Ready! Set! Go!

Devotion

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians: 6:9).

When you think of autumn what comes to your mind? The lovely gold and red of the season? The cascade of the colorful leaves that make a delightful crunch under your feet when you go for a walk? The harvest of the last of the fall crop from the garden?

Reflecting on the beauty of the harvest season, there is also the reminder that just as the days are growing shorter, so too is the time before the Lord of the harvest will return to gather to Him all of His believers. While this brings comfort and joy to the followers of Jesus, it also points to the urgent need to continue with the world He commanded us to do. *“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation’* (Mark 16:15).

Every day it is important to remember that there are those people God places in your path who still need to hear the good news of salvation that comes from faith in Jesus. It may be the neighbor you politely wave to, but with whom you rarely speak. It may be the member of your family you wish you had the courage to tell about your faith. Perhaps it is the co-worker who shares a life challenge over a workday lunch.

Don’t wait till tomorrow. Today is a perfect day to step out and boldly begin the dialogue. There is no special training required. No purchase necessary. No test to pass. No license needed. God has provided all that is needed for the task — His Word ready to be freely shared. The only thing essential is an open heart and willing spirit to *always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have* (1 Peter 3:15).

The hard work has been accomplished by Christ when He paid the price for the sins of all by dying on the cross. In the glory of His resurrection, He assured eternal life for all who, through the work of the Holy Spirit, come to believe in Him.

Wow! What a privilege to know that God allows you the joy of telling the urgent message of salvation to those He daily places in your life. Ready, set, go! Christ made everything ready! The path is set for the work ahead! Go and tell!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the daily reminders of all You have done for me, from the beauty of all the seasons of the year, to the provision for me for all of eternity through faith in Your beloved Son, my Savior, Jesus. Please keep me mindful of Christ’s command to go and tell others of what He has done to provide them with a hope and future through belief in Him. I humbly ask You to show me ways to boldly share the greatest love the world has ever known — Your love shown through the sacrifice of your only Son, Jesus. In Christ’s holy and precious name. Amen.

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