



From Pastor's Desk



HARVEST TIME

*He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. (Proverbs 10:5) The scene portrayed in Matthew 9:36 by the fainting, scattered multitude moved Jesus to compassion and compelled him to say to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38) The time of harvest is upon us. Soon the signs of Autumn will be evident everywhere. The changing colors of the leaves, the cool nights and moderate daytime temps, the large harvest moon all seem to fit into the harvest scenario. The farmer readily recognizes the season to reap the fruit of his labor. It seems foolish to think that someone would actually go to all the work to plow, plant and cultivate and then not harvest their crop. The man who makes the investment to bring his crop to this place will certainly do everything in his power to harvest this fruit. This brings us to the scripture in Matthew 9. The problem doesn't seem to be with the husbandman, but with finding enough help or laborers to harvest his crop. We are sons of God and if we sleep in time of harvest we cause our Father much shame. I know that it is easy to get caught up in activities, busyness, rushing here and there and still not getting everything accomplished we wish to get done. **Not all activity is progress.** We live in a time when many feel that things must go their way or they're not having a good day; or their life is ruined because of a certain event that did or did not happen. There must come a time when we realize that it's not all about me, but that I have a call from on high to become a laborer for God. Now, that's a call I don't want to miss!*

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