

## LESSON 3 - Watching the Harvest

21. God is faithful to finish what He starts.

22. The harvest is an outgrowth of the planting season.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6).

“Water properly. Don't water frequently for only brief periods of time. Doing so causes plant roots to hover near the soil surface. Instead, deep soak each time you water to encourage roots to grow deep down into the soil. And to the extent that you're able, water early in the morning so plant leaves have a chance to dry during the day. That will help minimize fungal diseases.”<sup>3</sup>

“Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor” (1 Corinthians 3:8).

23. The Fruit of the Spirit is an outgrowth of the seed that has been placed in good ground.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is

24. love,

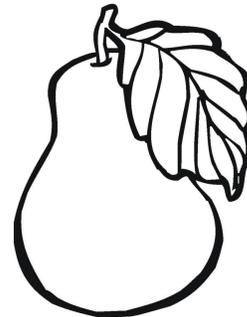
25. joy,

26. peace,

27. longsuffering,

28. kindness,

29. goodness,



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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.hgtvgardens.com/garden-basics/8-steps-to-smart-gardening#sthash.Ntr4CmJa.dpuf>

- 30. faithfulness,
- 31. gentleness,
- 32. self-control...” (Galatians 5:22-23).

- 33. What part of the fruit am I strongest in?
- 34. Do I exhibit signs of bearing all the fruit of the Spirit?
- 35. What am I missing?
- 36. How can I fix this? Go back to the Word, the good seed.
- 37. He is faithful. We plant the seed, and He gives the increase. Then when we see the right things surfacing in our lives, and know that the seed has taken hold and is growing in our hearts, we can rejoice.
- 38. We must have faith that God will follow through.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness*” (1 John 1:19).

- 39. As you get into this journey of a deeper connection with Jesus Christ, you will notice a change in your spiritual temperature.
- 40. Make frequent check ups on your garden/heart.
- 41. Be alert to any red flags you may detect.
- 42. Pray the prayer David prayed: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties” (Psalm 139:23).
- 43. You don’t want anything to rise up and choke out the beautiful work the Lord is doing in your heart.
- 44. Pull weeds. Get rid of anything that does not belong in your heart!
- 45. Soon it will be harvest time. A time where we are ready to gather in the fruit of our labor.

“But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come” (Mark 4:29).

46. Walking with God is a glorious experience. Especially when you see new babies come to God because they gleaned from your fruit. You get the joy of watching them grow.

