

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sermon by Ray Reynolds
Sowing & Reaping An Eternal Harvest

Text : John 4:1-42

Introduction : The disciples were called to sow seeds and reap an “Eternal Harvest” because the fields were ready! What did they do (**Acts 2:41-47**)? What should we do (**Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16**)?

Discussion :

- I. *Live FAITHFULLY Like The Early Christians*
Matthew 6:19 – “Lay up your treasures in heaven”
I Corinthians 4:2 – Those who are “trusted” are given something valuable!
- II. *Love COMPASSIONATELY Like The Early Christians*
Acts 10:4 – God answered Cornelius’ prayer because he was giving/serving.
James 1:27 – Pure religion is being compassionate toward widows, orphans, the less fortunate, and keeping yourself from sin.
- III. *Give GRACEFULLY Like The Early Christians*
Romans 8:32 – God will give us all things if we are gracious with our giving!
II Corinthians 9:7 – Give as you “purpose in your heart.” – Graciously!
- IV. *Believe CONFIDENTLY Like The Early Christians*
Luke 12:48 – where “much is given, much is required”
II Corinthians 8:1-5 – the brethren “gave of themselves” first
- V. *Serve GLOBALLY Like The Early Christians*
Matthew 10:8 – “I give you these powers freely, so help others freely.”
Mark 16:15-16 – “Go into all the world.” – Mission minded churches!
- VI. *Strive WILLINGLY Like The Early Christians*
Luke 9:23-27 – If people want to serve it must be done “daily.”
Romans 12:1-2 – We are to give our selves as a “living sacrifice.”
- VII. *Revive EFFECTIVELY Like The Early Christians*
Acts 12:1-19 – Trials, persecution, death of Stephen, James – house/praying!
Ephesians 5:14 – Paul told the people to “wake up” and see the light!

Conclusion : We are called to sow seeds and reap an “Eternal Harvest” because the fields are ready, now. Now is the time for service! Now is the time for salvation!