

CONSIDER THE FIELDS

Scriptures: Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 10:1,2;

John 4:31-35; 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

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Jesus spoke frequently to His disciples of fields, vineyards, workers and the harvest.

Here are a few observations.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. The FIELDS are where the HARVEST is.

Matthew 9:37,38; Luke 10:2; John 4:35

2. The HARVEST is the landowner's TOP PRIORITY.

Matthew 9:38,39; Luke 10:2

3. WORKERS are needed because of the FIELDS, not the other way around.

Matthew 9:38,39; Luke 10:2

4. The FIELD is the place of specifically ASSIGNED WORK or ENDEAVOR.

Matthew 20:1-7; 1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 10:13

5. The OWNER of the fields (the Lord) assigns the WORKERS according to His WILL and PURPOSE.

Matthew 20:1-7; 1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 2:6-8

6. Some workers work the same FIELD for LIFE, others are moved from FIELD to FIELD.

Acts 12:17; 15:12-14; 21:17-19; Romans 15:17-20

7. Workers are REWARDED for their labors.

John 4:36-38; Revelation 22:12,13

8. The FIELDS are already there; it's the additional WORKERS that are needed.

Matthew 9:37,38; Luke 10:2; John 4:35

Related Scriptures: Matthew 9:35-38; 10:1-8; 20:1-7; Luke 9:57-62; 10:1-9; John 4:1-42; Acts 12:17; 15:12-14; 21:17-19; Romans 1:8-13; 15:17-33; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; 15:58; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18; Galatians 2:6-8; 6:9; Colossians 1:28,29; 1 Thessalonians 1:2,3; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; Revelation 14:13; 22:12,13; Romans 1:8-13; 15:17-33

RESPONSIVE READING

Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 10:1,2; John 4:35;
1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go.

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, Who makes things grow.

The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.