

**Introduction:**

1. Series
2. Sowing every day  
Reaping every day
3. Also true - we sow and others reap
4. Ex- Lewis Electric - dumb as dirt re elec  
-It's a Brand New Day  
-really nice - I know your voice  
In the midst of Rick and Bubba  
Random (or was it?)

**1. A Simple Principle**

1. Simple - "reap what you sow"  
Farmers understand  
Teachers put in - outcome  
Doctors put this pill in...
2. Science calls it "cause and effect"  
Evolution - across the years (millions)  
Creationists - something happens that cannot just "happen" - it was caused
3. !!). Self-evident truth  
See and understand the pattern  
Advertisers - a number of ads = a number of sales
4. We sometimes say...  
"This is not going to turn out well"

**Segue** - so a Simple Principle

**2. A Clear Choice**

1. Just two  
-verse 19 - Flesh  
-verse 22 - Spirit
2. Both within us - sowing there  
Old Indian illustration - two dogs fight within, good dog and the bad dog - which one wins? - the one I feed the most
3. We sow  
Parents sow seeds  
-seeds of indifference  
-seeds of good or bad tempers  
-good or bad attitudes  
-selfishness  
Christian sow seeds  
-Jesus answer or not  
-service or not  
Ex - William Carey in India - out from where he lived plants grow not native to India - wind blew seeds from Carey's home

- ideas and thinking of our world

Church attitudes

- toward missions
- toward their church
- toward their staff
- friendly or not

Others have sown in your thinking

- books you've read influence you
- friends you've made influence you
- problems you've had influence you
- Ex - experienced pain become compassionate
- teachers you've listened to influence you
- pastors you've sat under influence you
- television influences you

4. We can choose what we sow - intentionally

Ex - I have no corn in my front yard - did you plant any?

Have nothing then planted nothing

Plant watching the bachelorettes ...?

5. So, sow

- when you do can expect a harvest
- sow in practical habits
  - bible carrying - a vote for the bible
  - prayer
  - being friendly
- attitudes are sown - others will
  - people get a feel for how you are and your attitudes

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### **3. A Logical Harvest**

1. The principle ...Ties results/ harvest to sowing

- rather ties our results to our sowing
- (!). in some ways that's a scary idea...
  - what if I mess up?
  - it's possible
  - see it as free will in the garden
- till your garden
  - remove your weeds
  - fertilize
  - Next... what will I plant?

So... in the garden of your life what will you plant?

2. Very simple logic

- You see - we live in a logical universe
- it operates out of principles

Ex. Turtle on a fence post

-see that what do you think?

-turtles don't climb

-someone put it there

3. Right now I hope you're feeling hopeful

I can influence...

-my friends

-my family

-my community

I Can Change My Life

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**So...**

First... Don't get discouraged (9)

Next, Take personal responsibility

-who else will plant corn in your front yard

Then, Sow good seed

-in your life

-in family lives

-in community

Last, You will reap (9)

You Will Reap!