

## Autumn - Time for Remembering - Sept. 29, 2021

Autumn - leaves change, then fall away... things can be seen. **Ex:** house is visible.  
With the leaves gone, the house is exposed... now you can work on it.

God works in our lives the same way... exposed areas can be worked on.  
It usually takes some event for us to see that place in our hearts that needs work.  
Walks out the door – work on anger. Car accident – work on addiction.  
Loss of family – need family of God. Anxiety – give control to God.  
Peace in your world doesn't mean there's peace in your heart.

This Autumn ... what is God working on in you? What needs change?

Ultimately, He is harvesting Fruits of the Spirit in us. A life reborn.

**Gal. 5:22-23** – “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

God works on us so He can work through us.

He exposes our sinful nature – the nature we're born with - hatred, discord, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, envy, fits of rage, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, and division... (**Gal. 5:2-21**) **Exposed, we change.**

Jesus said - **Matt. 7:16** – “By their fruit you will recognize them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?”

**7:20** – “just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.”

We will be known as followers of Jesus by our fruits. What is harvesting?

We can't have the fruit of **peace** - if we're always **worried** ... anxious.

We can't have the fruit of **love** - if we **hate** each other.

We can't have fruit of **kindness** – if we're **quarreling** ... causing dissension.

We can't have fruit of **joy** - if we have **jealousy**.

We can't have fruit of **patience** - if we're always **uptight**, upset.

Can't have fruit of **self-control** if we have **outbursts of anger**... fits of rage.

**7:17** – “Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad trees bears bad fruit.”

What is being harvested in your life?

To really bear fruit ... must be connected to the Vine .... Allow the Spirit to work. God plants the seeds in us, and the Holy Spirit is the fertilizer.

**We've all got a purpose** . . . a harvest field where our presence is needed.

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming 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.’” - **Matthew 9:35-38** (NIV)

Jesus prayed for more workers in the field. He prayed for us.

Are we doing our part? Influencing those around us? Impacting loved ones?

Has there been a Harvest in us ... so we can harvest in the fields?

**This Autumn**, when you see pumpkins – be reminded that you are called to work in the harvest field.

- **Song of the Week** – “Little Is Much When God is In It”– by Wes Hampton  
**Stay positive. Test negative. Get vaccinated.**