

“Plowing In Hope”

Lesson Text: **1 Corinthians 9:7-10.** Not Just For Preachers To Plow In Hope.

I. Plowing Has Motivation.

- Hope = Desire + Confident Expectation.
- “favorable and confident expectation”It has to do with the unseen and the future, Rom. 8:24, 25. “Hope” describes (a) the happy anticipation of good (the most frequent significance), e.g., Titus 1:2;” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words Vol. 2, p. 311).
- No One Plows A Field:
 - Just To Be Doing Something, For Entertainment, Exercise, Or Just Killing Time....
- We Do It For A Purpose:
 - We Expect A Crop!
 - Otherwise It’s A Fruitless Endeavor.
- Our True Hope Is Going To Heaven, & Helping Others Too- **Colossians 1:5; Ephesians 1:18.**
- We Should Want To Save Others- **Matthew 9:37-38.**

II. Plowing Is Work!

- It Is Hard Work- **2 Timothy 2:6.**
- Slow & Patient Work- **James 5:7-8.**
- We Must Not Stop- **Galatians 6:9.**
- We Must Not Look Back- **Luke 9:62.**
- It Involves Breaking Up The Ground- **Hosea 10:12.**
- It Involves Planting Seed- **Luke 8:11; James 1:21; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7.**
- Several Parables Of Jesus Related To Farming:
 - The Parable Of The Sower— Soils In **Matthew 13:3-9.**
 - The Parable Of The Wheat & Tares- **Matthew 13:24-30.**
 - The Parable Of The Mustard Seed- **Matthew 13:31-32.**
 - The Parable Of The Growing Seed- **Mark 4:26-29.**
 - The Parable Of The Laborers- **Matthew 20:1-16.**

III. Plowing Requires Regular Maintenance.

- **Matthew 28:19-20.** Just Like A Field Left Alone Will Ruin, So Will Our Crop.
- Paul Understood This About His Brethren- **Acts 15:36.**
- Paul Was Concerned About The Thessalonians- **1 Thessalonians 3:6-10.**
- **Colossians 1:28.**

IV. The Harvest Has Great Reward!

- **Matthew 13:24-30.**
- We Cannot Sow To The Flesh And Reap Good- **Galatians 6:7-8.**
- We Must Sow Spiritual Things In God’s Work- **Galatians 6:8.**
- We Must Plow In Hope Of Eternal Life- **Titus 1:2.**