

## Spiritual Process

Concern: losing understanding of Process - Sowing and Reaping

Agrarian (context of sowing and reaping), to Industrial, to Technical (Dan 12:4)

faster pace - expectation of immediate gratification

Spiritual Implication: Devaluation of Prayer, Persistent Faith (ex: prayer meetings, healing)

(Ga 6:1-5) Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.

1. We bear some responsibility for others.
2. We need realistic self evaluation.
3. We must take personal responsibility.

Concern: Culture of Immediate Gratification hinders each of these.

consumer mentality toward God, church

Attitude Choice:

Enabling Culture: Victim - helpless, dependent, things happen to you

Kingdom Culture: Victor - powerful, free (regardless of circumstances), you make things happen  
(Ro 8:35-37) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Don't let circumstances steal your "conqueror" attitude.

(Ga 6:7-9) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Spiritual Poverty - length of view ~ Process (ex: only pray when problem)

Disconnect from process (consequence of actions), not responsible for results  
left wondering why things "happen" to us

Are you sowing to the Spirit in your marriage, kids, finances, job, etc?

Prayer is a long term Spiritual Investment

We are more responsible for our spiritual condition than God. (COTR)

(2Pe 1:3-4) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Mature take responsibility for their past, present and future.

Are you investing spiritually, or counting on spiritual welfare.

You reap what you sow, not what others sow.

Tim and Kelly word - active response

Seed Envelopes: practice sowing and reaping (get a victory)

1. plant seed
  - a. "What do you want me to do for you?" (Lk 18:41)
2. engage process (persistent faith)
  - a. tend it - prayer
  - b. contend for it - word
3. expect a harvest (Gal 6:9)