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Chapter

Don't Settle For Second Best

DON'T SETTLE FOR SECOND BEST!

Many Believers in the Body of Christ are not receiving all that they're entitled to from their giving. They serve the God who is more than enough—yet they live from one paycheck to another just barely scraping by. Let me ask you this question: Are you receiving the return that God's Word promises on all your sowing? If you're not, then it's time for you to begin to experience God's best.

Often, when God's people fail to experience the harvest that they are entitled to, they begin to wonder if God's Word truly works. If they're not careful, Satan will disillusion them, discourage them and if possible, cause them to wind up quitting—which is the wrong thing to do. Remember this: the worst thing you can do in a financial crisis is to quit giving. Giving is God's way of enabling you to overcome the financial crisis.

Recently, I've been hearing God say

that we should believe Him for maximum results in everything we do. If there is a best, then don't settle for second best. Winning is wonderful, and there is no substitute for it. When I was growing up, I was a pitcher on a baseball team. I remember my coach making this statement, "It's not whether you win or lose, boys, it's how you play the game". I didn't like that mind set then, and I don't like it now I later found out that if you play the game right, you will win. I like winning, praise God, and I'm confident that you do too.

Since I became a Believer back in 1969, I have striven for God's best. If God wants me to live in divine health, then why settle for healing from time to time? Healing is wonderful, but divine health is better. If God's Word says that I should have more than enough, then why live from paycheck to paycheck? I like financial miracles, but I like abundance better. I like the scripture where God

said to the Israelites (Deuteronomy 8), You shall lack nothing, and there shall be no shortage. Well, if God has a way for us to enjoy abundance then why settle for anything less?

In Mark 4:3-4 (Amplified), Jesus wants us to pay very close attention to what He is about to say. So, He says, Give attention to this: Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

This man has sown seed, but the birds consumed it; therefore, his seed produced no harvest. Now this tells me that there is the possibility that even though we are sowing, some of our seed can be consumed and not produce a harvest. So, let's find out why.

As we read further in Mark 4, we see the same man sowing seed again. Verse 5 says, *Other seed (of the same kind) fell* on ground full of rocks, where it had not much soil, and at once it sprang up, because it had no depth of soil; And when the sun came up, it was scorched, and because it had not taken root withered away. Notice, the seed did what it was supposed to do. The seed doesn't know anything else but grow, increase and multiply. You can put a seed under a rock, and it will try to push that rock up.

So far, we've got this one man sowing much seed but no harvest—the birds consumed it, and the sun scorched it. In other words, he's sowing, but he's not reaping. I want you to understand that there is nothing wrong with the seed. There is nothing wrong with the spiritual law that the seed operates by. God made those laws.

Many times, the first thing we want to do when we're not getting the kind of return on our sowing that we are entitled to is question God's integrity, or we question the validity of His Word. "Well, I tried it and it didn't work". Then we go from there and begin to question the sincerity of the messenger who taught us the Word. So God, His Word, and the messenger get the blame for our failures.

We learned that from Adam. When Adam failed, He could not accept the blame, so He blamed God and Eve. He said, "I was doing fine until you made her—and besides that, I was asleep when you made her—if you'd have asked me, I could have told you how to make her, so don't blame me, *its not my fault.*"

This is where we got pointing the blame everywhere but where the blame should be pointed. If you ask somebody, "How did you get in this condition?" They'll say, "Oh, it's my husband's fault." If you ask the husband the same question, he'll say, "It's that wife of mine." If you ask children what is wrong with their family, they'll say, "Our

parents, they don't understand us...". If you ask the parents, they'll say, "Those rebellious kids". If you ask a church congregation, "What's wrong with this church?" They'll say, "Our Pastor". If you ask the Pastor, he'll say, "I asked for sheep and I got goats—it's their fault."

Everybody is pointing the blame somewhere else. When was the last time you asked somebody, "How did you get in this mess?" And they said, "ME! It's all my fault!"? We have a hard time accepting the blame—but that's where the blame is. Quit blaming God, quit blaming His Word, and quit blaming the messenger who brought you the Word. Investigate your own life.

Mark 4:7 goes on to say, Other seed (of the same kind) fell among thornplants, and the thistles grew and pressed together and utterly choked and suffocated it, and it yielded no grain Now this is the third time this man has

sown, yet he's received no results. The birds consumed it, the sun scorched it, and now the weeds are choking the seeds. Finally, in verse 8 it says, And other seed (of the same kind) fell into good (well adapted) soil, and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing, and yielded up to thirty times as much, and sixty times as much, and even a hundred times as much as had been sown He's finally getting results.

I know in some cases we would welcome thirtyfold. It's better than no fold. And sixtyfold is something to shout about; but notice, other seed produced a hundredfold, or in other words—maximum results. Why not strive for maximum results in *every seed* that we sow? I believe that it's time we quit wasting our seed and begin to believe for God's best

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DETERMINING YOUR OWN DESTINY

The Lord asked me this question one time, He said, "What was the first gift I gave man?" I thought, "Well, that's easy. Genesis 1:26-28 says that God gave man dominion and authority over the, earth." Then the Lord said, "What was the second gift I gave man?" Well, to be very honest, I'd never thought of it in terms like that, so I said, "I don't know".

He said, "If gift number one is in verses 26 and 28, then surely if you keep reading you'll find gift number two." I read verse 29, and it says, *Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed.* **Seed** is the second gift that God gave man. I looked in my center cross reference in the King James Bible next to the phrase *herb bearing seed*, and it gave me the Hebrew rendering which means *seeding seed*. What is seeding seed? It represents provision. If you are familiar with farming, then you know that the seeding seed is the seed you keep back for

replanting. It's your best seed.

When a crop comes in, the first thing the farmer will do is go look at that crop and find the best part. He does not consume it or sell it at the market. Why? Because it's the seeding seed for next year's planting. That's the reason God wants the tithe of your income off the top—it's your seeding seed. The worse thing a farmer can do is go through the field, look at all his corn and take the worst of it and say "Well, this is not very good anyway, we'll just throw it in the barn and plant it next year." If he does this, his seed will keep degenerating until it's absolutely useless.

If you spend your tithe and only give God what is left over, don't blame Him because you're not getting maximum results. You didn't present Him with the seeding seed. God is saying to us, "You have the authority to determine your own destiny based upon the seeds that

you sow."

God gave Adam authority and he gave him seed—that's it. God didn't plant his seed for him. He expected Adam to do it. He's saying to Adam, "I'm giving you authority and I'm giving you seed. If you don't sow this seed, you won't be provided for and it will be your own fault!"

If Adam eats that seed, then he has no provision. If he wastes the seed, then he has no provision. If all he does is preserve the seed, he has no provision. If he carries his seed around with him and talks about how holy it is, he has no provision. The only way you have provision is by planting the seed. God established that principle and that's the way He expects you and I to live.

Let's look at this law in Genesis 8:22. While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and

winter, day and night shall not cease. Is the earth still here? Yes. Then this law is still in effect. Isn't it amazing that we will adapt to day and night? We have lights in our house because we know it's going to become dark at night. We adapt to summer and winter by wearing summer and winter clothing. But the Bible also says that as long as the earth remains, seed time and harvest shall not cease. That seems to be the only law that we ignore and it is the one that this entire planet revolves around. You are a product of the law of seed time and harvest.

Galatians 6:7 says, Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. The Phillips translation says, A man's harvest in life depends entirely upon the seed which he sows. The way I live today is a product and result of the seeds I have sown. If you don't like the way you're living, then replant.

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Some people can't understand why they're sick all the time. It's because they sow seeds of sickness all the time. If you constantly talk sickness, then you'll wind up with a harvest of sickness.

If you sow bad seeds, you will get a bad crop. If you sow good seeds, you will get a good crop. If your life consists of constantly talking negative all the time and you never seem to overcome, then you need to plow up your ground and replant. Start talking what the Word of God says—not what the world says.

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Consider Your Ways

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

The Bible reveals another law regarding sowing and reaping which I call the law of quantity. Second Corinthians 9:6 says, He who sows sparingly reaps sparingly, he who sows bountifully reaps bountifully. It is not only how you sow and what kind of seed you sow, but the quantity of seed that you sow that has a bearing on the size of the harvest you will reap.

If you sow little, you get little. If you sow much, you get much. That's spiritual law. You know as well as I do, if a farmer sows only ten acres, then he can expect only ten acres in return. It's the law of seed time and harvest. If he sows one hundred acres, then he can expect a one hundred acre return.

However, in Haggai chapter one, I want to show you an example from the Word of God of a group of people who were sowing much but reaping little.

We'll also see why this was happening in their lives. Verses 5 -7 say, Now therefore thus says the Lord of Host: Consider your ways (and set you mind on what has come to you). You have sown much, but you have reaped little; you eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you do not have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages has earned them to put them in a bag with holes in it. Thus says the Lord of Hosts: Consider your ways.

Please note that sowing much and reaping little is a violation of spiritual Law. God reveals in verse 5 the answer as to why this was happening, *consider your ways.* And then He repeated it in verse 7, thus says the Lord of Hosts *consider your ways.* The Amplified Version says, *Consider* your *ways*, your *previous and present conduct.* If you're sowing much and reaping little, then you need to stop and analyze your ways.

Don't question whether the Word God is faithful or not—consider you ways.

"Why aren't the windows of heaven opening to me if I am a tither?" God honors His Word; so obviously, it's not His fault. He confirms His Word with signs following. There's nothing wrong with God. There's nothing wrong with the Word of God. There's nothing wrong with Jesus. There's nothing wrong with the Holy Ghost. What else could it be? Hmm... oh yes, perhaps it's you!

I know that it's highly improbable that you could be fowling things up, but let's just consider it. Look at your ways and find out what you're doing wrong and then correct it. Don't dwell on the fact that it's your fault because that will open the door to condemnation. Just repent, correct it and move on with God.

I realize that this may be hard to swallow because we want it to be somebody else's fault. But the quicker we can face reality, the sooner we can correct the problem and get into the flow of God's best. God says, "Consider your ways," but what exactly is He referring to? Let me define the word "ways". Ways means course of action, methods and manners, conduct and behavior. This scripture would then be saying, "If you're sowing much and reaping little, consider your course of action, consider your methods and manners, consider your conduct and your behavior."

Do you think God's interested in our behavior? Do you think that my behavior has anything to do with whether or not spiritual laws work to my advantage? Do you suppose that I could live any ol' way that I want and God would still cause His best to come to pass in my life? No. My behavior has a profound effect on what kind of results I get.

Wrong behavior can hinder, delay,

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postpone and even negate your harvest. It's bad enough that the devil is trying to stop your harvest—why should you help him in the postponement? It's time that we consider our behavior.

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Get The Weeds Off Your Seeds

GET THE WEEDS OFF YOUR SEEDS!

Wrong behavior can stop you from experiencing maximum results. I can prove it to you. We all know the scripture in Mark 11:23-24. Most of us can probably quote these two verses from memory. It says,... Whosoever shall unto this mountain. Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith (Verse 24) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ve receive them, and ye shall have them

It would be nice if we could stop reading right there, but we can't. The next verse begins with *AND*. If you know anything about the English language, then you know the word *and* is a conjunction. It's used to continue a thought; therefore, we must continue

reading. Verse 25 says. And when ye stand praying forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (Verse 26) But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

God is showing us right here that unforgiveness can hinder your faith and prevent your prayer from being answered. This is a perfect example of how wrong behavior can stop your harvest. I don't know about you, but I need my harvest to come on time. I don't want any delays.

Notice the Word says, ... If ye have ought against any... I read this verse in another translation and it said, "Any person against whom you have a grudge..." Jesus is saying that the very thing you desire could be prolonged if you're holding a grudge against someone.

Let's do a quick word study. What is a **grudge?** It is defined as resentment, bitterness and malice. What does the word **malice** mean? **Malice** is defined as deep-seeded animosity, hostile feelings, ill-will wished upon another or bitterness. This is getting serious.

Deep-seeded animosity? Bitterness? When you hear the word bitterness, what do you think of? I immediately think of roots (Hebrews 12), and anything that has roots has to be dug up. If all you do is cut the top off, then you're not really dealing with the problem, you're just cutting it off at the surface. You've got to go down deep to get the roots out.

Hebrews 12:14 says, Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled Let's read it like

this: Follow peace with all men.. lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you... God's instructions to us are: Keep peace with every man. If I don't, then a root of bitterness could spring up and trouble who? ME. It doesn't trouble the other person. It troubles me. How I conduct myself with others can have a profound effect on my harvest!

The Amplified Version says, Strive to live in peace with everybody...in order that no root of resentment, bitterness, or hatred shoots forth and causes trouble... Every time I hear the phrase "shoots forth", I can't help but think of weeds. Isn't that the way weeds operate? They shoot forth so fast. I looked up the word weeds in the dictionary and it says—any undesired plant that grows in abundance so as to crowd out the desired crop.

I'm explaining all this to give you an illustration of something that happened in my life and how I dealt with it. I had

sown a seed and was believing for the harvest to come. Years had gone by—still no harvest. The Lord kept saying to me, **Get the weeds off your seeds."** I couldn't figure out what He meant by that. He just left it for me to pray over. I kept trying to figure out what this means: "Get the weeds off your seed."

Well, I thought of every thing in the world I could think of and finally, I thought maybe I haven't been confessing the Word as I should. Perhaps I need to be more aggressive. So, I did. Time went by, still no results. I said, "Lord, what's the problem here?" He said, "Get the weeds off your seed." I said, "Would you mind explaining to me what You mean by get the weeds off your seed?" He said, "Read Haggai and consider your ways." So, I read these verses and continued to meditate upon them for several days.

Well, my wife and I came out of a meeting one night, and as we were driving home, I was thinking about "get the weeds off your seed". Suddenly, it dawned on me. I had animosity against someone. I had been offended. I said. "God, that's what You're talking about." I turned to my wife immediately, and I said, "Carolyn, I know what God's been trying to tell me regarding the weeds on my seed."

I told her about the person toward whom I had this animosity and then right there in our automobile, I asked God to forgive me, cleanse me, and purge me of all the unforgiveness, animosity and bitterness. I immediately began to feel a peace in my heart and I knew the weeds were gone! In less than 48 hours, the harvest, which had been delayed for years, began manifesting! Hallelujah!

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Strive For Maximum Results

STRIVE FOR MAXIMUM RESULTS

If you're not receiving maximum results in your sowing, then you need to pray and search your heart and find out what could be preventing your harvest from coming in. The Holy Spirit will reveal it to you.

It could be that you were offended by someone. It doesn't matter who is right or who is wrong, you simply cannot allow offenses in your life. It will deeply affect your harvest. Bitterness, animosity resentment and unforgiveness are like weeds choking your seeds.

Sometimes it's very difficult to forgive but then you have to ask yourself—how desperate am I for maximum results? Even if you're not in the wrong, as long as you harbor unforgiveness and bitterness inside you, it will deeply affect your harvest. It's not a matter of who's right and who's wrong—it's doing the right thing.

I'm not going to let unforgiveness stop me from reaching maximum results. If you want maximum results, you've got to remove the weeds. Look at Ephesians 4:22 -26 (Amplified) says, Strip yourselves of your former nature—put off and discard your old unrenewed self —which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lust and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind—having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude; And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, (Godlike) in and holiness righteousness Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let every one express the truth with his neighbor for we are all parts of one body and members one of another. When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath—your exasperation, your fury or indignation—last until the sun goes down.

Notice, Paul is talking about our conduct and how it affects our outcome. When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath, your exasperation, your fury or indignation last until the sun goes down. Verse 27 in the Amplified Version says, Leave no (such) room or foothold for the devil—give no opportunity to him. How do you give him room? Look at verse 29, Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word. nor unwholesome or worthless talk (ever) come out of your mouth; But only such (speech) as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, (do not offend or vex or sadden Him...) Unforgiveness, strife or speaking evil against another gives Satan an opportunity to postpone your harvest.

Verse 31 says, Let all bitterness and

indignation and wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will or baseness of any kind). And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tender hearted (compassionate, understanding, lovinghearted), forgiving one another (readily and freely) as God in Christ forgave you.

I realize that what I'm sharing here is going to take some discipline on our part. Any time you have contact with two or more people, there's an opportunity to be offended. Whether it be a fellow staff member, a fellow church member, or someone in your home, there's an opportunity for weeds to grow.

You might say, "Brother Jerry, you don't realize how badly I've been hurt by someone." I understand how difficult it

is to forgive and forget—especially when you are the one in the right, but you have to forgive, release it, and pray in the Spirit daily. It will take a great amount of discipline for you to bite your lip, instead of saying what you think somebody needs to hear. Proper conduct and behavior shuts the door on Satan and gives him no opportunity to hinder your harvest.

God wants you to have maximum results. When you get the weeds off your seed, then you're going to sow much and reap much. That's God's best! Make sure that your conduct, your behavior, your course of action, your methods and your manners are not hindering, postponing, or delaying your harvest. If you're offended or resentful, it will choke your seed. Remember, there's nothing wrong with your seed, your seed is doing its best to grow, but you need to search your heart and dig up all those weeds that are trying to suffocate your seeds.

This is the time for maximum results. Don't yield to the flesh. Don't allow things to offend you. Don't allow things to cause animosity to rise up within you. It's not going to stop the person's harvest that you're resentful against, it's going to stop your harvest.

God says that we are to forgive one another, and to love one another even as God for Christ sake has forgiven us. Do you realize that within each of us is the potential to love others regardless of who they are. Regardless of their race. Regardless of their background. Regardless of what they've done to us. You and I have the potential to love them just like God does. We have the potential of forgiving one another just like God does.

Why? Because the Bible says that we are new creatures, created in Christ Jesus. The Bible says the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts by the

Holy Ghost. In me is the ability to love you no matter what you do to me; I have the ability to love you just like God does. I have the ability to forgive you just like God does. Whether or not I ever tap that ability is another thing. It's my choice and I chose to love, I chose to forgive in Jesus' Name!

Most human beings, including Christians, operate in a love that is conditional, "I'll love you if you don't cross me... I'll love you if you don't make me mad... I'll love you if you do everything I say." But Agape love (which is the God-kind of love) is simply. "I love you regardless."

I want to encourage you to pray about your ways. Do as God has instructed us: Consider your ways. If you've been offended or hurt by someone, as an act of your will, allow the Agape love to flow inside of you as you release all unforgiveness from your life. If it seems

too hard at this point, then pray in the Spirit. God will help you. Don't go another day without digging up those weeds. There is too much at stake. I urge you to make this your year for increase, restoration and maximum results in every area of your life. Start looking ahead, because your harvest is coming! It's on its way.

For those who don't know Jesus, would you like to know Him?

If you were to die today, where would you spend eternity? If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you can be assured that when you die, you will go directly into the presence of God in Heaven. If you have not accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, is there any reason why you can't make Jesus the Lord of your life right now? Please pray this prayer out loud, and as you do, pray with a sincere and trusting heart, and you will be born again.

Dear God in Heaven,

I come to you in the Name of Jesus to receive salvation and eternal life. I believe that Jesus is Your Son. I believe that He died on the cross for my sins, and that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus now into my heart and make Him the Lord of my life. Jesus, come into my heart. I welcome you as my Lord and Savior. Father, I believe Your Word that says I am now saved. I

confess with my mouth that I am saved and born again. I am now a child of God.

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