



Veritas in Prayer

Based on 1 Peter A Life Giving Harvest, Pt. 2

Father, You are our Bread of Life, our All-Sufficient One (Gen 17:11), our Life-Giving Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45). You restore our soul. (Ps 23:3) We are grateful for the restoration you give us. All things become new in and through You. Forgive us for not appreciating the regeneration that is taking place within us. Too often we are not aware of Your Holy Spirit moving among us to give us holy insight we need to stir our soul to grow and conform us. 1 Peter 5:10 says, "...make us strong, firm, and steadfast. We realize that for fruit to mature and be ready for harvest, there must be a transformation that occurs. Transform us, Lord. No longer do we want to remain saplings. We desire to be strong, steady Oaks with deep roots. We know we must endure heat, harsh environments, and pruning at times. The pruning process hurts. So often we desire ease, comfort, and a smooth path, but to reap a harvest, we must endure the strain. Help us to endure!

Use whatever method you must to mature us into pillars of strength. May our teachers receive holy insight to direct our students toward righteousness. Direct our board members, giving them spiritual eyes and discernment to make the difficult decisions they must make on behalf of our body of Believers. Stir our administrators' hearts, revealing to them areas of growth that are needed among us. Help them to prune areas so our school may be healthy. Give us all clear direction so our time here may be well spent, intentional, and spiritually maturing. We desire for our children to walk into this world with strong spiritual convictions. As parents, reveal to us the dead, decaying, life-withering activities we are involved in that suck the life out of us, stress us out, and bleed us of our resources. May we not strive like the world to produce a harvest that simply looks beautiful on the outside but is rotting on the inside!

We will live and offer ourselves as living sacrifices, joyfully serving You so You may be well pleased with the harvest we present to you. We desire to hear from You, "well done my good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23) We will reproduce a harvest by being obedient to you in how we multiply and reproduce ourselves as disciples.

Our children's minds will not be stirred by the winds of opinion and false teaching of the world. Their roots of faith and knowledge of the Word will sink deep. Their roots will be well soaked with the Truth of your Word and the understanding of Scripture.

We proclaim that it will be said of our children that they will be, "...like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-whatever they do prospers." (Psalm 1:1-3)

Reflection

What life giving activities are you doing as a family that is producing "good fruit?" What life-withering activities should be pruned from your schedules?