

Sow in all weather

Prolonged dry weather has turned into a drenched mid-summer here in Minnesota. Hot, humid and wet...it feels like a tropical rain forest. Its surprising how things can change. In the dryness it felt like it would never rain, and the weather forecasters were predicting continuing drought conditions. Weather forecasters being high on a Minnesotan's honor list of cultural icons and gurus, we were expecting drought. Never mind a recent study that showed the best of the high technological weather forecasting to be less than 50% right. Never mind that the most accurate weather predictor in this study turned out to be a local back yard weather amateur who uses hunches and a twenty dollar barometer. Anyway, the rains were not predicted, but they came – in mid July, when things normally go from wet to dry, and the total is now many inches above normal.

So, do you plan your day by the weather forecast? If we did that in Minnesota winter, we'd all hide in our houses for months. Ecc. 11:4 says, *"He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap."* Sowing used to be a matter of casting seed on the ground by hand. A big wind could blow the seed away. A calm day was better. But sooner or later, the seed had to get sown, and you couldn't wait for the perfect day.

In the Bible, sowing is a picture of spreading His Word, and of investing time, energy and resources in the work of His kingdom. Are you waiting for things to get better in your life before you pour out your life for God? It's like planning in response to our circumstances. If things go right, we'll do something good. If the winds of life blow gentle cool breezes our way, we'll be able to help somebody. If people are nice to us, we'll be nice. If things go our way, we'll do something really great!

Hey...things will never be perfect! Besides, who knows except God how things will really turn out? Listen to your heart, and go out and get moving! Even if the weather in your life is gloomy, and dark clouds seem to be gathering over your head, go sow a good seed in somebody's life. Who knows, maybe when you get moving, the sun will come out! Maybe your obedience to God might even change the spiritual weather, and maybe your step of faith is needed now. Sow to the Spirit now. If you don't sow that step of obedience, God's harvest in your life and in others can't come. Don't wait for favorable circumstances to obey God with all your heart. *"Be instant in season, and out of season."* Actually, God's kingdom is above the weather anyway. Above the clouds the sun is always shining. Just keep trusting and obeying God. In all kinds of weather.

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