

Daily Devotion For June 9, 2022

⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.
2 Timothy 2:6

Yesterday I went out into my garden and harvested my first Zucchini of the year. It was a great joy to bring the zucchini into the house and show Sherry the first of what I hope is a plentiful harvest this year. People who grow fruits and vegetables in their gardens know this joy.

In 2 Timothy 2:6, Paul writes that the farmer is "hardworking." Anyone who works their garden knows that it is hard work to help their plants to grow. It takes time to prepare the soil, pull weeds, water, etc. If you fail to do any of these things there will be a limited harvest. The joy comes from the hard work from start to finish and receive the harvest of your labors.

Paul was using the imagery of the hardworking farmer to compare with those that are involved in ministry. Ministry is hard work that often times brings about the aches, pains, and disappointments, of serving Christ. Like farming, ministry requires a focus if you want to bear "fruit" for Christ.

Thought For Today: Just as there is a joy in harvesting from your garden, there is a joy in seeing people grow in Christ. Paul's admonition is to work hard at serving others. What kind of harvest are you reaping for God's Kingdom?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for the joy in serving others and bearing fruit for God's Kingdom. Deo Volente.