

## Hi, My Name is Wisdom

### Wisdom on Gardening

#### **Today's Seeds, Tomorrow's Harvest**

(The seeds you plant in this season determine the harvest you'll reap in the next.)

*“Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.”*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### Sowing Discipline

Proverbs 10:17 – <sup>17</sup>Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life,  
but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

#### Sowing Riches

Proverbs 11:24-25 – <sup>24</sup>One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

<sup>25</sup>A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

#### Sowing Words

Proverbs 18:21 – <sup>21</sup>The tongue has the power of life and death,  
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

#### Sowing Work

Proverbs 10:4 – <sup>4</sup>Lazy hands make for poverty,  
but diligent hands bring wealth.

#### Sowing Justice

Proverbs 21:15 – <sup>15</sup>When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous  
but terror to evildoers.

## **Sow from the Right Place**

Galatians 6:7-9 – <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup>Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## **The Seed We Cling To and Give Away**

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 – <sup>4</sup>While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: <sup>5</sup>“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.<sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

<sup>11</sup>“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.<sup>12</sup>Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup>The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup>But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.