

“A wise youth harvests in the summer, but one who sleeps during harvest is a disgrace.” Proverbs 10:5 NLT

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Proverbs is filled with work ethic passages. This one talks about harvesting. I am not a farmer, never been, never will be. But I wish I had some farmer DNA in me. I have friends in Nebraska and every child, teen and young adult is surrounded by farmer culture. This is a true axiom, and it has great rewards if followed and harsh realities if not - the law of sowing and reaping. You can't reap (return) if you don't sow (invest). You get what you plant. Here, the wisdom guys say it straight out. The money, the reward, the return is just sitting there but you have to work to bring it in. If you don't bring it in, it will rot and your investment becomes nothing but dirt. Worthless dust. Talk about a great lesson against entitlement! Your effort is not only directly tied to what you put into it, but also how hard you're willing to work to bring in the results. Results that are waiting to be collected, sorted and sold!

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Dad,

I wish I had learned these lessons earlier. It might have been easier on me. None of my dads were farmers and they each had different levels of work ethics. The instability made it harder to learn from any of them. When I gave you my life and you began to really father me, it was hard because I had a lot of insecurities and stubbornness. Thank you for teaching me this sowing and reaping principle later in my life.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root