

TIME AND CHANCE

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From Ecclesiastes 9:11 – I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

There is the law of sowing and reaping

One reaps what he sows
One reaps more than what he sows
One reaps in due season if he faints not
You plant a “seed,” but you reap “fruit.”

Cast bread upon the water and it returns four-fold
Good returns four-fold

Pay seven-fold (Proverbs 6:30, 31) for stealing

Evil returns seven-fold, and it takes seven-fold to correct it.
30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Parable of the Sower – some bear no fruit, some 30, 60 or 100-fold.

A fruit tree needs time to bear fruit. It may need digging and dunging in order to produce. If it does not bear fruit, the why does it cumber the ground? (Luke 13:7)

A farmer sows wheat. He may have a bad harvest (hail or drought) and reap nothing or very little, but the law of sowing and reaping says that “more times than not, you will reap.” He may not reap for a year or even two, but eventually he will – it’s the law. One thing is for sure – if he does not sow he definitely will not reap.

What are chances of success? More often than not, if you follow the word of God, you will succeed. Note Joshua chapter 1 and Psalm 1 and 3John 2: Meditate in word of God day and night, observe to do, prosper as your soul prospers.

A coin has 50/50 chance of heads. You may get 10 tails in a row, but eventually you will get heads. It is the law of chance.

A die has 1 in 6 chance of hitting a 5. You may roll the die and get a lot of other numbers, but in time, you will hit a 5. It is the law of chance.

A first business may not prosper, nor the second or third; but eventually a business will prosper. It is the law of chance. Odds are made better through knowledge and diligence.

Knowing what needs to be done gains tremendously the odds of success. Sometime, it is as the old saying says: “three is a charm.”

Remember the process is important. You need the practice. You get better and the odds get better at the same time. For example, if you were throwing a basketball through a hoop, and being new at it, you may score only one out of ten. However, the more you try, the better you get. Eventually you will improve to the point you have a very good chance of scoring. It is the law of chance.