

# John 4:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

## Analysis

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Jesus promises that the reaper 'receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal' so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. This depicts cooperative ministry across time—some plant, some water, some harvest, but all share the joy. The fruit is eternal life for believers, glory to God, and joy to workers.

## Historical Context

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In ancient agriculture, sowers and reapers were often different people working at different seasons. Jesus applies this to spiritual ministry where John the Baptist sowed, Jesus and disciples reap, yet all will celebrate together.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding that we participate in ongoing gospel work prevent pride or discouragement?

2. What does it mean that both sower and reaper rejoice together in God's economy?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ὁ	θερίζων	μισθὸν	λαμβάνει	καὶ	συνάγει		
And	G3588	he that reapeth	wages	receiveth	And	gathereth		
G2532		G2325	G3408	G2983	G2532	G4863		
καρπὸν	εἰς	ζωὴν	αἰώνιον	ἵνα	καὶ	ὁ	σπείρων	ὁμοῦ
fruit	unto	life	eternal	that	And	G3588	he that soweth	together
G2590	G1519	G2222	G166	G2443	G2532		G4687	G3674
χαίρη	καὶ	ὁ	θερίζων					
may rejoice	And	G3588	he that reapeth					
G5463	G2532		G2325					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 1:13** (Parallel theme): Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

**Proverbs 11:30** (Parallel theme): The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

**Daniel 12:3** (Parallel theme): And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

**Romans 6:22** (Eternal Life): But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.