

Planting Seeds

It may be January and some of you are still looking at snow. We had frost on the ground this morning. An yet it is not too early to start planning your garden.

People love their gardens. Whether they are vegetable or flower or anything. Gardeners love even the planning. Here is one suggestion, plant one more row for God. This is not meant as a metaphor, but literally, plan to plant one more row for others.

Last summer I was invited to take part in a service at a church on the other side of my state. Not knowing how long it would take us to get there, we arrived early. We watched as people came in for services and in one area of the narthex, several people placed baskets and bags of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and more. After the service all were encouraged to pick up anything they might be able to use at home. We did take a couple of tomatoes. Others took what they needed and what was left was taken to a local shelter. This is a regular practice throughout the growing season.

In my town, there is a Senior Center and during the summer they have Farmer Market Days. How hard would it be to take some of your fresh vegetables and give them to seniors. Fresh is always healthier and can really help with their food budget.

What a simple mission project. If you garden, you probably won't even notice the additional work or the cost. The offering of the first fruits of your labors was the very first form of tithing. Such a simple act can make such a big difference.

Blessings
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