

## Cutting Corners. Scriptures for Gleaning.

The Tater Field Series was about planting, harvesting and gleaning. It discussed these topics from the perspective of a potato (tater) field. Tater is slang for potato. Here in Northeast Florida, there are many potato fields and the entire process of planting, harvesting and gleaning is very interesting as we can compare it to our lives and what we do.

The last message in the series, "Cutting Corners" is about gleaning. You might normally think of cutting corners and not giving something your total effort or even doing sub-standard work. But God tells us in Leviticus 19: 9-10 to cut corners. It says you should not reap to the very edges of your field. That way, some of the crops are left over for the less fortunate. You cut the corners to provide what is left for others.

Our encounters with God provide us so much that we have left over areas that are brimming with insight, love and truth. In this last message, we are encouraged to provide the excess that God has given to us and to pass it on to others.

The thought would be to just have a scripture to read and think about. Read the scriptures before and after to get it in context but make it simple and easy. Think of the scripture and ask God what he would have for you to share. Here is an example:

John 3:16 God so loved the world that he gave his son that whoever believed in him would have eternal life. A common scripture. If you took several of the words in groups and just reflected on your life, that God sent his son for you, so that if you believed, just believing is enough. Pick a scripture below or this one and pray about how you would be able to give out of your overflow to help someone this week.

### 2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

### Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

### James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

### 1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud