

I. Spring

1. Spring is a time of awakening, growth, and vigor.
 - a. Plants begin their new growth and “come to life” from their winter slumber.
2. Youth is the great springtime of life and it should be used to the glory of God ([1 Cor. 10:31](#)).
 - a. Consider the sage Solomon and his wisdom ([Ecc. 11:9-12:1](#)).
 - b. The youthful Timothy was a great asset to the aged apostle Paul ([Php. 2:19-22](#); cf. [1 Cor. 4:17](#); [1 Th. 3:2](#)).
 - c. Daniel and his companions were stalwart examples of godly consistency in youth ([Dan. 1:1-8](#); cf. [Dan. 3](#)).
 - d. The boy Jesus shows perfectly the increase youth are to have ([Lk. 2:40, 52](#)).

II. Summer

1. Summer is the time of maximizing growth, reproduction, bearing fruit, and managing stress during long, hot days.
 - a. Plants use the summertime to maximize their growth, to produce flowers and fruit while the days are long.
 - b. The heat being hotter and more intense, plants must also manage stress and potential shortages of water.
2. Out of youth we enter the summertime of life in adulthood where we continue our labors for the Lord.
 - a. We must always be growing ([2 Pt. 3:18](#)).
 - b. We must be sowing the seed of the kingdom ([Lk. 8:5, 11](#)).
 - c. We must be fruitful in every good work ([Col. 1:10](#)).
 - d. Trials are sure to come our way ([1 Pt. 4:12-16](#); cf. [2 Tim. 3:12](#)).
 - e. Our roots in the Lord must grow deeper lest we wither away when trials come ([Mt. 13:5, 20-21](#)).
 - f. We must add patience to our lives ([2 Pt. 1:6](#)).
 - g. Our labor for the Lord is never in vain ([1 Cor. 15:58](#)).

III. Autumn

1. Autumn is the time of harvest and preparation for winter.
 - a. Plants are still busy getting ready for the cold months of winter.
 - b. The leaves, having performed their functions, are shed by the trees to maximize energy to the root system.
 - c. Seeds must be matured, scattered, and even planted before winter arrives.
2. As we grow and mature in Christ, each day is moving us closer to harvest ([Rm. 13:11](#)).
 - a. The Lord is expecting to find fruit when harvest time comes ([Mt. 13:30](#), [41-43](#)).
3. As people, we understand that each of us will face that singular winter event known as death ([Heb. 9:27-28](#); cf. [Ecc. 2:14-16](#), [3:19-21](#)).
 - a. We must be making preparation for the dark days of life and eventual death ([Ecc. 12:2-7](#)).
 - b. No one can make the preparation for us ([Mt. 25:1-13](#)).
 - c. We should be the nearest to God than we have ever been the closer we get to death!

IV. Winter

1. Winter is the season of dormancy for plants similar to hibernation in animals.
 - a. Plants go into “survival” mode awaiting the coming spring.
2. There is never a time when we should be dormant for the Lord.
 - a. We must be ever watchful lest we be caught sleeping ([Mk. 13:31-37](#)).
 - b. It is high time to awake out of sleep ([Rm. 13:11](#)).
 - c. We must finish what we started just like Jesus ([Jn. 4:34](#), [17:4](#), [19:30](#)).
3. There is a time for being still ([Ps. 46](#)).
 - a. To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven ([Ecc. 3:1-8](#)).