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The Seasons of Life – Part 5

Remember it is not what happens to you that determines your future; it is what you do about it.

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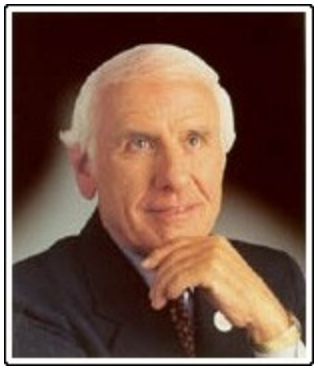

Part Five of our five part series on The Seasons of Life.

In *Part One* of the series we discussed:

a) That life is about constant, predictable patterns of change.

b) For all of us, the only constant factor is our feelings and attitudes toward life.

c) We as human beings have the power of attitude and that attitude determines choice, and choice determines results.

In *Part Two* of our series we discussed:

a) Life and business are like the changing seasons.

b) You cannot change the seasons, but you can change yourself.

c) A major lesson in life to learn is how to handle the winters.

d) Winter time allows you to get stronger, wiser, better. The winters won't change, but you can.

In *Part Three* of our series we discussed:

a) Spring is the season for entering the fertile fields of life with seed, knowledge, commitment, and a determined effort.

b) It is the promise of spring that as we sow, so shall we also reap, that for every disciplined human effort we will receive a multiple reward.

c) There are just a handful of springs that have been handed to each of us. Don't just let the seasons pass by.

In *Part Four* of our series we discussed:

a) Summer is a time of testing. All good will be attacked, and every garden will be invaded.

b) All values must be defended.

c) Every garden must be tended all summer. If you don't develop this skill, you'll never wind up with anything of value.

Now, in our fifth and final week, we will talk about fall, the time of harvesting the fruits of our springtime labor.

Fall also presents us with our fourth major lesson to learn in life, and that is to learn how to reap in the fall without apology if you have done well and without complaint if you have not.

For nothing is more exciting than a bounteous crop, and nothing more dreadful than a barren field in the fall. We must remember that in all areas of the human existence, what we put into this world, we get back from it. It is nature's way of evening the score. So regardless of the results, take full responsibility for your crop. One of the highest forms of human maturity is accepting full responsibility for our lives.

Which brings me back to the beginning of our discussion in week one. We must remember that life is constantly recycling itself. Much of life is about the balancing of two opposites; like the positive and negative charge on a battery. Life's balancing of opposites totally surrounds our lives; man/woman, day/night, good/evil, life/death, water/land, summer/winter, recession/expansion, joy/sorrow, etc.

Yes, I believe we will have major changes, but I also believe we will continue to have just one winter, spring, summer and fall each year. Much of our success will lie in our ability and philosophy to plant in

the springtime of opportunity. To weed and cultivate in the testing time of summer, to harvest without apology and/or complaint in the results time of fall and to get stronger, wiser, better in the transition and learning times of winter.

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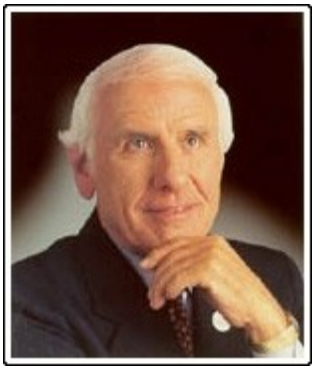
So here's to a great, faith filled and prosperous new upcoming year.

To Your Success,
Jim Rohn



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