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Every season holds blessings for us but to fully experience them we must set aside what we want, and instead ask God to carry out His will in our lives.



It may be winter, spring, summer or fall **outside**. But what about **inside** of us?

What season are you in right now—not physically, but **spiritually**? Sometimes our spiritual season **doesn't match** the season on our calendars. And what's going on **inside** us is in tension with the **outside** that surrounds us.

We can try to simplify seasons: Spring is **renewal**. Summer is **beautiful**. Fall is **productivity**. Winter is **dreariness**. Yet single words **don't** begin to portray the **full scope** of each season. Different parts of the world experience natural seasons in a variety of ways. Likewise, **different people experience spiritual seasons in a variety of ways**. How one person responds to a situation in a **spiritual winter** differs from another person's response to a similar situation. How one person celebrates during a **spiritual summer** differs from another's celebration. Fall productivity differs. Spring renewal differs.

### **Which soul season are you in right now?**

- **Spring:** Does your life feel as if it is renewing, just about to push through and bloom among the nourishing and sometimes drenching showers?
- **Summer:** Does your life feel warm, full, and beautiful? Are you savoring the moments and memories, hoping they'll last as long as possible?
- **Fall:** Does your life feel productive but also a bit exhausting? Can you see signs of beauty but also signs of loss? Is the sacrifice overwhelming at times?
- **Winter:** Does your life feel dreary? Are you weary and a bit chilled? Do you long for a bright spot of warmth or light?

You might even be experiencing **various seasons** at the **same time**. Sometimes our **family life** feels as if it's in one season while **work, ministry, health**, or other areas **reside in other seasons**. Even our family experiences and relationships can feel divided among seasons.

More about **Seasons of our Lives** in my next letter.