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The following devotional was written by my wife, Mikki. It is so true and filled with meaning for us all. I trust you will enjoy it.

In Season by Mikki Lawrence

One of the beautiful things about living in north Alabama is the fact that there are four distinct seasons. Right now everything outside is telling me that springtime has arrived this year. The dogwoods are breathtakingly beautiful. Daffodils and tulips and azaleas are blooming in all their glory. The grass is green and the air smells of honeysuckle.

Springtime is my favorite season. Bring out the short sleeves and shorts and the umbrella! Put the windows up! The ducks are quacking at my neighbor's pond. The sun warms me as the birds sing and insects buzz. Springtime calls everything and everyone to come forth in newness. The trees and vines begin to give birth to fruit and vegetables. And I just want to drink it in and hold the season just as it is.

Springtime here in the south also brings the threat of stormy weather. Alabama has more than the normal share of tornados and thunderstorms as Alabamians live in what is referred to as tornado alley. I pondered the effects of our recent storms. Dead three limbs are lying everywhere. A few great trees have been blown over, roots and all. Springtime demands that we clean up our yards and make new efforts to kill the weeds in our lives. Plant the flowers that will last until autumn comes again. Every season seems to come with its benefits and its dangers.

I find that life also comes in seasons. Seasons of summer where the sun reigns and the heat changes all we do. Seasons of autumn bursting in color and bringing the hint of the cold which is to come. Winter blasting us with cold air and sometimes snow and ice.

And then springtime. Ah, how I rejoice when winter is over for good. Blackberry winter comes and goes and then I can finally say

“Springtime is here!”

Springtime is a beautiful picture of hope. Springtime says to me that no matter how cold, how bitter, how dead the season is that I have been living in, it will end. Life will burst forth again. Things will become green and tender again. Fruitfulness will return. And I will grow. I will be stronger than I was before the heat of summer scorched me. I will come forth with more strength and new life

than I had before the autumn began to shorten my season of fruitfulness. And I find that winter has killed some of the blights of my

soul.

What can we learn from the seasons that will help us become better, stronger, more godly?

1. The difficult seasons will come to an end.
2. God is working in each season of our lives to prepare us to bring forth a lot of fruit. Even though the pruning is painful, the results are worth the pain.
3. Other people are in a “season” also and those who are in winter need our encouragement. Encouragement is tangible. Whether it

4. As a disciple of Christ, I am to offer tangible encouragement to others as I recognize the season they are in.

Isaiah 50:4

The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple, as one who is taught. Amplified

It is always “in Season” to speak words of encouragement. God will give us the tongue of a disciple, a follower of Christ, which will speak words in season to those who are weary. As we awaken every day, if we will tune our ears to heaven, he will teach us how to speak words to others.

I find the law of sowing and reaping works with our words just as it works in the natural seasons of the earth.

Proverbs 15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is! NKJV

I find joy in the answer of my mouth as I speak words “in season”.

So, listen up! He is awakening each of us this morning and every morning to hear what he wants to say to the weary and tired around us. Words of encouragement are “is season”.

The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also..

—Harriet Ann Jacob

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