

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you. Hosea 10:12 (NIV)

Unplowed Ground

What does that mean? **What does what mean?** What does it mean to break up unplowed ground? **This refers to your heart. What is the condition of your heart? Is your heart like hard, unplowed ground? Or is your heart like fertile soil that can produce a crop or bear fruit? Are you sowing to the righteous life that I have called you to live? Or are you planting wickedness in your heart and mind and life? Are there things in your heart that must be rooted out so that righteousness can grow and flourish in you? Think of your heart as a garden. How are you tending to your heart?** Now, I understand what it means to break up unplowed ground in my heart. **That's good.**

How will you break up the unplowed ground of your heart? Not on my own, that is for sure. **Why is that?** I need your help. Tending to my heart is not something I can do on my own, all by myself. I need your wisdom. I need your guidance. I need your direction. So, I will seek you with all my heart. **That will be very good.** I have no doubt that you will show me what needs to be rooted out of my heart and mind and life. **What kinds of things might need to be rooted out of your heart?** There is a long list of possibilities. **Let me hear what comes to your mind.** Fear and doubt need to be rooted out of my heart. Worry and anxiety need to be rooted out of my heart. Pride and arrogance need to be rooted out of my heart. **What needs to be planted in your heart?** Again, I have some ideas. **Let me hear what comes to your mind.** Faith and courage need to be planted in my heart. Hope and joy and love need to be planted in my heart. Humility and integrity need to be planted in my heart. Steadfastness and faithfulness need to be planted in my heart. **You have some very good ideas about what needs to be rooted out and what needs to be planted in you.**

Do you believe that I will help you? Do you believe that I will break up the unplowed ground of your heart so you can live the righteous life I have called you to live? Will I help you to root out wickedness and plant and nurture righteousness in you? Yes, I believe that you will make my life fruitful. You will do your work in my heart and mind and life as I seek you with all my heart. **That I will, you can be sure of that.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I don't want to have a hard heart like unplowed ground. I am choosing to sow to the righteous life you have called me to live. No longer will I plant to wickedness. Break up my unplowed ground as I seek you with all my heart. Bear fruit through all of my life. Amen

Promises *Break Up Your Unplowed Ground*

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

NIV Hosea 10:12

Promises *Break Up Your Fallow Ground*

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

ESV Hosea 10:12

Promises *Plow Up The Hard Ground*

I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'

NLT Hosea 10:12

Promises *Break Up Your Fallow Ground*

Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For *it is* time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

NKJV Hosea 10:12

Promises *Break Up Your Fallow Ground*

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

NRSV Hosea 10:12

Promises *Dig In With God*

Sow righteousness, reap love. It's time to till the ready earth, it's time to dig in with GOD, Until he arrives with righteousness ripe for harvest.

MSG Hosea 10:12

Promises *Break Up Your Uncultivated Ground*

Sow for yourselves according to righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God); reap according to mercy *and* loving-kindness. Break up your uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, to inquire for *and* of Him, *and* to require His favor, till He comes and teaches you righteousness *and* rains His righteous gift of salvation upon you.

AMP Hosea 10:12

Promises *Plow The Hard Ground*

"Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will reap a crop of my love; plow the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower salvation upon you.

TLB Hosea 10:12

Promises *Break Up Your Fallow Ground*

Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

NASB Hosea 10:12

Promises *Plow The New Ground*

I said, 'Plant goodness, harvest the fruit of loyalty, plow the new ground of knowledge. Look for the LORD until he comes and pours goodness on you like water.'

NCV Hosea 10:12

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you break up the unplowed ground of your heart and seek the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will break up the unplowed ground of my heart as I seek you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what part of my heart is unplowed ground that needs to be broken up?
