



SERIES: GALATIANS

## **GALATIANS 6:7-10**

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The world is governed by laws: physical laws, moral laws, and spiritual laws. In this passage, we are introduced to a moral/spiritual law known as sowing and reaping. The law essentially means that one's actions in life will bless or hurt them according to what their action was. Consider that one who plants a pumpkin seed will grow a pumpkin. The one who does evil will reap evil and the one who does good will reap good. This law applies to every single area of our lives!

*7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.*

Do not be deceived! Many people are deceived into thinking that they can "get away" with sin. But God is not naïve, and he is not mocked. He will ensure that what you do will be returned to you in equal measure. One cannot live a life of folly and not reap calamity. The law of sowing and reaping is repeated in various places throughout the Bible as demonstrated below...

- Proverbs 1:31-33 They shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simply are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.
- Proverbs 11:19 Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live, but he who pursues evil will die.
- Proverbs 13:21 Disaster pursues sinners, but the righteous are rewarded with good.
- Isaiah 3:11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for what his hands have dealt out shall be done to him.
- Hosea 10:12-13 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 on you. You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of your lies...
- Romans 2:6-8 He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.
- Numbers 32:23 ...be sure your sin will find you out.

*8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

As believers, we have two "fields" to sow in: the flesh and the Spirit. This means the person who is sinful, worldly, and foolish is sowing to the flesh; likewise, the one who is pursuing holiness, God's glory, and wisdom is sowing to the Spirit. Many Christians sow only to their flesh everyday and wonder why they are not reaping holiness or blessing. They are deceived!



Also, as Christians, we are given the gift of reaping what Christ has sowed. Jesus was sinless and possesses eternal life. Through his death and imputed righteousness we will receive these same things as a gift of God's grace. Praise to Jesus!

As young people, it is intensely important to be doing a good job of sowing now, as a man's life is nothing more than the harvest of his early years. One English writer said "What strikes me more and more each day is the permanence of one's early life. The identity between youth and manhood, but every habit both good and bad of those early years seems to have permanently affected my whole life. The battle is largely won or lost before it seems to begin."

*9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

When planting in nature, one does not reap the harvest for a long time. The same is spiritually true. You may be sowing spiritually but it can take a long time to reap the rewards. This is why we must be diligent and persistent in feeding our faith and doing good. Some people will not even reap their rewards this side of heaven, but we must not grow weary. Keep going! Know that, even though you can't see it yet, a full harvest is coming in.

The way to not grow weary is to fixate on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-3) and learn from his example. Jesus did not give up or grow weary even in the face of the cross, and was able to reap to the full what he had sown.

*10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

Since this principle is true, we must take action! Let us do good to all, especially fellow believers, and sow to the Spirit, for God is seeking a full harvest from which to reap.

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### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. How have I deceived myself into thinking that I will not reap what I sow? How do my actions reveal this way of thinking to me?
2. What are some concrete commitments I need to make in order to start sowing to the Spirit instead of my flesh?
3. How can I not give up even when I can't see the harvest?