



Sowing & Reaping

Galatians 6:7-10



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Galatians

- Recurrent message
 - One Gospel
 - We are justified by faith alone in Christ alone
 - A genuine understanding of the gospel and a whole hearted embracing of it leads to real freedom!



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⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



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¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



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Do not be deceived...

- Pay attention! Be on guard! Danger!
- An area where we are easily deceived is about to be exposed
- Deception is the main weapon of the enemy

God cannot be mocked...

- Apparently we have a tendency to believe that we don't have to reap what we sow
- Culture of entitlement and no consequence



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A man reaps what he sows...

- Biblical theme throughout Scripture
- Misconception from letter to Galatians is that actions don't matter
- Obedience to the law is still expected... do not be deceived!
 - 1 John 2:6
 - Matt 28 (great commission)
- The law still functions as the diagnostic tool to show us that we are sinful and fall short



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Sowing to please the sinful nature...

1. Legalism

- We do all the religious activities, we are moral, we follow all the rules, we do all the right things all in an attempt to earn God's approval
- Consequence: we reap destruction
- Legalism is based on fear... the fear that we have to do more to measure up
- Essentially legalism is the result of not knowing God as "Father", but rather only the judge



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Sowing to please the sinful nature...

1. Legalism

2. Licentiousness

- Using God's grace as a license to sin
- Misguided belief that somehow God's grace makes sin safe
- "those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God" (5:19-21)
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11... Do not be deceived!



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1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.



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1 Corinthians 6:9-11

¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



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Sowing to please the Spirit...

- We live by faith
- We live in obedience motivated by love, rather than fear
- We do not need to fear the consequences of the law because we are no longer under it
- Community group question
- We live in repentance
- The consequence: eternal life



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Do not grow weary of doing good...

- Beginning with the “family” of believers
- Extending to those outside of our family
- Sometimes doing good can be tiresome
- War between the sinful nature and the Spirit
- Persevere! The payoff is great!



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- 1. Actions Matter – obedience motivated by love**
- 2. Watch out for the two deviations:**
 - a. Legalism**
 - b. Licentiousness**
- 3. Don't become weary of doing good. The reward will be amazing!**