

Sowing and Reaping

Galatians 6:7-10

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We Must Avoid Deception

Galatians 6:7a (NASB)
Do not be deceived, **God is not mocked**;

- > **%Deceived+** is a strongly negated imperative in the present: **%to be deceived+**
- > **%Mocked+** means **%turn up the nose+**; here at God
- > This saying is a principle that applies to all
- > Ezekiel 8:17 LXX uses the same term

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Galatians 6:7 b (NASB)
for whatever a man **sows**, this he will **also reap**.

- > This is considered a well known truth so it serves as proof of the command of 6:7a
- > This is an agricultural proverb
- > Antinomianism is fully rejected

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Either Corruption or Eternal Life

Galatians 6:8 (NASB)
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**.

- > **%Corruption+** means **%decay+**
- > The issue is eternal, not just temporal consequences
- > This is NOT karma!

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Do Not Bail Out on the Good!

Galatians 6:9 (HCSB)

So we must not **get tired of doing good**, for we will reap at the proper time **if we don't give up**.

- > **Get tired**+means **to** give in to the bad+
- > **Give up**+means **to** let loose+or bail out
- > This is a call to persevere

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Now Is the Time for Doing Good

Galatians 6:10 (HCSB)

Therefore, **as we have opportunity**, we must **work for the good** of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

- > **Opportunity**+is *kairos* in the Greek which means **crucial moment**+
- > **The good**+is that which is in keeping with God's will and nature
- > Walking in the Spirit is shown by doing good and being kind to all

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Implications and Applications

- > We must never impugn God's goodness
- > Actions matter and have consequences
- > Do not bail out on serving God

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Do Not Turn up the Nose at God

Malachi 3:14, 15 (HCSB)

You have said: **% is useless to serve God**. What have we gained by keeping His requirements and walking mournfully before the LORD of Hosts? So **now we consider the arrogant to be fortunate**. Not only do those who commit wickedness prosper, **they even test God** and escape.

- > They complain that sowing and reaping are not working!
- > But God is not mocked

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Actions Have Consequences

1Peter 4:4, 5 (NASB)

In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; but **they will give account** to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

- > **We must** be willing to live differently than the world around us
- > Remember that **justice is eternal**, whatever injustices happen now

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Do Not Bail Out on Serving God

2Thessalonians 3:13 (NASB)

But as for you, brethren, **do not grow weary of doing good**.

Hebrews 12:3, 5 (NASB)

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that **you will not grow weary and lose heart**. . . . and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, **% My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;+**

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