

BE GENEROUS AND DO GOOD

INTRODUCTION: This next portion stands at the end of Paul's letter as a very practical summary of how grace is meant to shape everyday life. Having spent the book defending justification by faith and life in the Spirit, Paul now shows that Spirit-led living touches our money, our habits, our relationships, our perseverance, and our priorities. These verses remind us that the Christian life is not random; it is realized through the process of sowing and reaping.

Galatians 6:6-10

I. HONORING SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT v.6

A. The call to share with those who share the Word.

1. Sharing with those who teach the Word is an act of genuine partnership in the gospel. *Philippians 1:5, Philippians 4:15*
2. Sharing with teachers of the Word is a matter of obedience to God's clear instruction. *1 Timothy 5:17-18*
3. Sharing material "good things" with teachers is ultimately an act of worship offered to God. *Philippians 4:18*

B. This becomes a demonstration of how much we value God's Word.

1. The way we financially and practically support teaching ministries reveals how highly we value God's Word.
2. Supporting those who teach guards us from treating sermons and Bible teaching as a free consumer product.
3. Honoring and supporting faithful teachers encourages them to continue preaching truth without compromise. *Hebrews 13:7*

C. We are given a practical expression of how we give.

1. We honor this instruction by providing regular and generous financial support to those who labor in preaching and teaching. *1 Corinthians 9:14 NLT*
2. We also honor this instruction by offering relational support through prayer, encouragement, and friendship to our teachers.
3. Further, we honor this instruction by building church structures that frees teachers to focus on prayer, study and the ministry of the Word. *Acts 6:1-4*

II. THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING vv. 7-8

A. The character of God is one that rejects being mocked.

1. We are always in danger of deceiving ourselves into thinking we are exceptions to God's spiritual laws. *1 Peter 2:25*
2. God has established real moral and spiritual order in His universe that no one can overturn.
3. Our daily choices matter profoundly because every choice plants seeds that will inevitably produce a harvest. *Deuteronomy 30:19, Galatians 5:16*

B. There are two types of fields and two types of harvest.

1. Sowing to the flesh means repeatedly feeding sinful desires and self-centeredness, which leads to corruption. *Romans 8:5*
2. Sowing to the Spirit means responding to the Spirit's leading in faith, which leads to an abundant life now and forever.

3. We must recognize that sowing to the flesh cannot produce a spiritual harvest and sowing to the Spirit cannot remain fruitless.
Matthew 7:17-18

C. We have an opportunity to sow seeds every day.

1. The things we consistently give our attention to are seeds that either strengthen the flesh or strengthen the Spirit. *Philippians 4:8*
2. The relationships we cultivate act as seeds that either draw us closer to God or pull us away from Him. *1 Corinthians 15:33*
3. The way we use our money, talents, and energy sows either toward eternal purposes or toward temporary self-indulgence.

III. PERSEVERING IN DOING GOOD *vv.9-10*

A. We're encouraged to not become weary in our service unto God.

1. Even faithful believers can grow weary and discouraged in doing good.
2. We often become weary because we see delayed results, face opposition, or feel unnoticed in our service. *Hebrews 6:11-12*
3. God calls us to endurance in doing good, looking to Christ as our model and source of strength. *James 1:2-4*

B. We have the promise of reaping at just the right time.

1. The promise is that of a "due season" of harvest that follows God's perfect timing, not ours. *1 Corinthians 15:58*
2. A guarantee is given that every act of Spirit-led obedience and service will ultimately bear fruit. *Hebrews 6:10*

3. The only way to fail to reap the harvest is if believers give up and stop sowing. *Colossians 1:11 NLT*

C. We've been given a life that is full of opportunities. *v.10*

1. Paul calls the Galatians to live with open eyes, recognizing and seizing the opportunities God gives them to do good.
2. He instructs the believers to do good to all people, including those outside their comfort zone, such as enemies. *Matthew 5:46-47*
3. Final instructions are given to extend special priority and care to fellow believers in the household of faith. *John 13:34-35*

CONCLUSION: God calls us to live with a sober awareness and a hopeful confidence. We are not spectators in the Christian life; we are sowers in God's field. The way we treat those who teach us the Word reveals how much we truly value God's truth. The choices we make each day—what we feed, the flesh or the Spirit—are seeds that will inevitably bring a harvest of corruption or of life. And the good we do, especially to the household of faith, is never wasted, even when it feels unseen or unappreciated.