

# The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians



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After clearly exposing the legalistic teaching of human \_\_\_\_\_ being spread by the enemies infecting the Galatian churches, Paul now closes out his defense by addressing the universal truth of sowing and reaping. The Judaizers have buried themselves in a corrupt religious system that will never produce genuine converts that know and love God. The apostle recognizes their false doctrines will only ruin the believers because unbiblical teachings, methods and preferences will \_\_\_\_\_ and consume them—as error begets error. He reminds the saved followers that they will eventually have to face the destructive \_\_\_\_\_ of their newly adopted practices. So he tells them, rather than digging deeper into the bad, to plant good seeds. This will ensure an abundant and valuable future harvest.

## YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW – GALATIANS 6:7-10

### 1. Self-deception – Galatians 6:7a, b

#### a. Be not deceived – verse 7a

- Pretending there are no consequences to your actions
- Lying to yourself by saying, “it’s not that bad,” or, “it’s okay, there is nothing wrong with it”
- Turning a blind eye and \_\_\_\_\_ the facts

#### b. God is not mocked – verse 7b

- You are \_\_\_\_\_ going to be the exception to the rule
- There is \_\_\_\_\_ escaping the law of sowing and reaping
- You are \_\_\_\_\_ going to get around God’s law of sowing and reaping

### 2. Sowing and reaping – Galatians 6:7c-8

#### a. It is an immutable law – verse 7c

- *Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap* – It is unchangeable, unchallengeable, and indisputable. You \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_...

*You always reap more than you sow – Hosea 8:7*

*You often reap what someone else sows – John 4:36-37*

*There is a season to reaping and sowing – Ecc. 3:2; 11:2-6*

*You cannot delay the harvest when it comes – Prov. 22:8*

#### b. How it works – verse 8

- If you sow to your \_\_\_\_\_, you shall of the flesh reap corruption:

*Sow pride – reap bitterness, temporal values and sexual immorality*

*Sow liquor – reap drunkenness*

*Sow drunkenness – reap conflict, accidents, fighting, swearing, embarrassment, hangovers, etc.*

*Sow materialism – reap dissatisfaction—never get enough, greed, love of money, etc.*

*Sow fornication – reap venereal diseases, unwanted pregnancies, perversions, etc.*

*Sow ungodly thoughts – reap ungodly actions*

*Sow ungodly actions – reap serious and high-costing consequences*

- If you sow to the \_\_\_\_\_, you shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting:

*Sow to the Spirit – Reap life everlasting, a life that produces good fruit now and forever – 1 Cor. 3:12-14*

*Sow cheerful gifts to the Lord's work – reap God's approval and bounty – 2 Cor. 9:6-15*

*Sow walking daily in the Spirit (pray sincerely, believe and do what the Bible says) – Reap love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance – Gal. 5:16, 22-23*

*Sow the word of God in your heart and in the life of others – reap the salvation of lost souls, spiritual growth and maturity, sound doctrine, less sin in life, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, stability, safety, etc. – Mt. 13:23; Psalm 126*

*Sow graciousness toward others – reap \_\_\_\_\_ from others*

### 3. Press forward – Galatians 6:9-10

- a. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ in well-doing – verse 9

- Do not ever stop doing what is right
- Do not ever get tired of doing what is right
- Well-doing is always more tiresome and difficult than wrong-doing

- b. Take every opportunity to sow good seed – verse 10

- Opportunities to do good come and go, some opportunities will never reappear:

*It only takes one time to lose your purity forever*

*You may not have another chance to be kind to your parents*

*You may kiss your spouse or children for the last time today*

*You may not have another chance to witness Christ to your lost friend or loved one*

*You may not have another chance like today to apologize to someone you wronged*

*If you wasted time in your youth, start now while you still have the chance*

*You may miss your chance to help somebody that is in great need*

*You may never have the same chance to speak a kind word to a brother or sister*

*You might not have another opportunity to serve the Lord in a good local church*

*You might not get a chance to make another disciple like the one you have today*

*You may not get another day to do something good for the Lord*

*Your opportunities to receive Christ will not always exist like today*

### 4. The practical conclusion

- No matter what you do you will never escape the rule—*whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*. Therefore, be careful always to \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit and you will always \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit a life that produces good fruit now and forever.