

## Galatians Chapter 6

### Verse 6

1. When we are walking in the Spirit, what is another way that it is visibly demonstrated? A thankful, giving heart.
2. This verse is teaching that when we are taught spiritual truth (“*good things*” - Romans 10:15), we should respond with a gracious, giving heart.
  - The word “*communicate*” means “to share with others.”
  - Several times in Paul's epistles, this word is used to describe the giving and sharing of our material resources and money. Romans 12:13; Philippians 4:15; 1 Timothy 6:17-18
3. If we are taught in the Word, we have a responsibility to meet the material needs of the church and its leaders (the channel whereby we receive the Word). 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Romans 15:27; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14
4. When we give of our blessings to meet the material needs of our local church, this is simply a reflection of our love and appreciation for the spiritual truth that we have been taught.
  - **Illustration:** We shouldn't have an attitude of resentment towards giving our money any more than when the waiter leaves a check at the end of our meal at a restaurant. We expect it - good food costs something.
5. Our giving is truly a reflection of how much we value the spiritual truth we are taught.

### Verse 7

1. Paul says, “*Be not deceived...*”
  - The word “*deceived*” means “to be led astray,” and is also translated “*to err*” in many other places.
  - According to Mark 12:24, we are led astray when we are ignorant of God's Word and God's power.
2. When we think we can mock God and show Him a liar, **we** are the ones deceived. Paul is saying, “You will not make a fool out of God.”
3. “*For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*”
  - Very simply put, what you plant, you will harvest.
4. Keep in mind that this is written in the context of giving. Paul taught this same principle in 2 Corinthians 9:6.
  - This doesn't mean that if you give a hundred dollars you will reap a hundred dollars.
  - For many of the seeds we have sown, the harvest will not be reaped until eternity. But guaranteed, God's law of sowing and reaping **will** take place. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
5. When we give with a right heart, it abounds to our account in heaven. Philippians 4:17

- This is a guarantee backed up by something more reliable than the U.S. Department of the Treasury. It is backed up by God Almighty!

### Verse 8

1. Verses 7 and 8 are somewhat parenthetical. Paul continues the analogy of sowing and reaping, but broadens its application beyond giving.
2. Here is the principle simply put:
  - Sowing to the flesh brings the crop of corruption.
  - Sowing to the Spirit yields a harvest of life.
3. When a believer makes a decision to sow to his flesh, only death, decay, and corruption can result. The results of sowing to the flesh were seen in Galatians 5:19-21.
  - It is a simple law of sowing of reaping. You can only harvest what you plant.
  - If in the flesh dwells “*no good thing*” (Romans 7:18), when you choose to sow to the flesh, what is the only possible harvest? “*No good thing*” (corruption).
  - You cannot plant apple seeds and expect to get oranges. You cannot sow to the flesh and expect to get the fruit of Galatians 5:22 & 23.
4. On the other hand, when you choose to sow to the Spirit, you can expect a living, eternal crop.
5. When we choose to walk in the Spirit, we still abide physically in these fleshly bodies, but the life of Christ is manifest through them. Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 4:10-11
6. The Christian does not have to sow to the flesh. Romans 8:2 declares that “*the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*”
  - The new law of the Spirit of life supersedes the old fleshly law of sin and death.
7. The Christian can choose to sow to the flesh or the Spirit, but the consequences are clear and will never change. Romans 8:5-6, 12-13

### Verse 9

1. As we sow to the Spirit, we can get **weary** in well doing. 2 Thessalonians 3:13
  - Paul is not saying that it is wrong to get physically weary, because Jesus himself experienced this. John 4:6
  - The word “*weary*” speaks of failing in heart and spirit.
2. Why do we become weary and discouraged in heart? Because we do not always see immediate and positive results. In fact, we may see the opposite. 1 Peter 3:17
  - When a farmer plants seed, he has to wait patiently before he receives the harvest.
3. Jesus is our ultimate example. As Jesus obeyed the will of the Father it brought suffering and death, but Jesus did not faint (give up).
  - Why is this? Because of the joy that was set before Him. Hebrews 12:2; cf. Hebrews 2:9-10
  - Hebrews 12:3 then admonishes, “*For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*”

4. Christian, do not be weary, do not give up, do not allow Satan to convince you that God's Word is false. Remember verse 7 – “*God is not mocked.*”
- Keep sowing to the Spirit, keep walking in the Spirit, keep loving God, keep serving others and giving of yourself unselfishly.
  - In due season, the seeds you sow to the Spirit will return a bountiful and plenteous crop. The harvest will be fully brought in on judgment day and the reward will be yours to enjoy throughout eternity. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18