

Sowing & Reaping Spiritual Things
Galatians 6:6-10

- *“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.”*
 - “The one who is taught” is the congregant or believer who is instructed by others. “The one who teaches” is a pastor or minister. What should the relationship between those two look like?
“Sharing all good things” - This is a fellowship between both parties. It is a partnership that is mutually beneficial. As a pastor “shepherd[s] the flock of God”, “exercise[s] oversight”, and is an “example to the flock” (1 Peter 5:2-3) the church should also minister to the needs of the pastor.
 - Give service and a reason to rejoice: *“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith... Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”* (Hebrews 13:7, 17)
 - Give respect, love, and encouragement: *“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
 - Give prayers to God on their behalf: *“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.”* (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)
- *“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”*
 - God is all-knowing and sees all things. Nothing is hidden from His sight (Hebrews 4:13). He sees what is done in private and He sees the motives in all our actions (John 2:24-25).
 - The laws of agriculture do not change. They are self-evident and predictable. If you sow corn, you will reap corn. If you sow wheat, you will reap wheat. The law of sowing and reaping spiritual and moral things also does not change (2 Corinthians 9:6-11).
 - Psalm 37: The wicked may prosper now, but their day of reckoning will come. Christ will come to reign with His righteous saints.
 - Psalm 73: The Lord is the judge of all men, and He will someday judge those who have prospered by wicked deeds.
- *“The one who sows to the flesh will from the flesh reap corruption.”*
 - Those redeemed by Christ still carry unredeemed flesh. Believers are still capable of sin in this life. Selfish Christians are preoccupied with personal, sinful desires.
 - This “corruption” is not eternal for those who are in Christ. However, this kind of living will lead to a loss of our reflection and enjoyment of the grace given in Christ (Psalm 51:12).

“Every time we allow our mind to harbor a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fancy, wallow in self pity, we are sowing to the flesh. Every time we linger in bad company who's insidious influence we know we cannot resist, every time we lie in bed when we ought to be up and praying, every time we read pornographic literature, every time we take a risk that strains our self-control we are sowing, sowing, sowing, to the flesh.”
(John Stott)

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Worship: Grace Alone (The Modern Post) Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Matt Boswell)
Jesus Thank You (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** Tis So Sweet (Various Artists)

Service Times: Sundays: Teaching Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- *“The one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”*
 - This reaping of eternal life is referring to our growth in “the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). This is practical sanctification (Philippians 2:12-13); the enjoyment of the life we now have in Christ. As believers we are capable of living for the glory of God (Galatians 5:16, 22-24).

- *“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”*
 - You can neither hurry plant growth nor growth in Christ. Everything is on the Lord’s timetable. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)
 - The “due season” may be seen in this life, or when Jesus Christ returns to gather His Church (1 Timothy 6:14-15). If we set our eyes on Him we will endure (Hebrews 12:1-3).

- *“As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone.”*
 - Our entire lives here on earth are opportunities to make much of Jesus Christ. We can be used by God for the salvation and sanctification of others (Luke 16:9).

- *“Especially to those of the household of faith.”*
 - This love starts in the body of Christ, and should then overflow to all others (John 13:34-35; 1 Thessalonians 5:15).

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** We are collecting donations for Vertical 196 during the month of August. They are in need of: Disposable Razors, Travel Size Shaving Cream, Travel Size Deodorant, Men’s Boxer Briefs (Size Large), Women’s Bikini Cut Underwear (Size 7 & 8), Men’s and Women’s Ankle Socks, Dry Dog and Cat Food, Coffee, Wendy’s Gift Cards, Individually Wrapped Candy, Powdered Drink Mix, and Bleach.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!