

Sunday, June 9, 2024—Galatians 6:7-9 Paul on Sowing, Reaping, Weariness & Well Doing

Galatians 6:7-8

- **Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8) For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**
- **Be not deceived; God is not mocked**— is not merely a piece of constructive criticism; rather, Paul is using strong language to caution the Galatians. Forms of the word “mock” occur 51 times in 50 verses in the King James Bible.
- According to Noah Webster’s American Dictionary of the English Language the word “mock” carries the following relevant meanings:
 - 1) Properly, to imitate; to mimick; hence, to imitate in contempt or derision; to mimick for the sake of derision; to deride by mimicry.
 - 2) To deride; to laugh at; to ridicule; to treat with scorn or contempt.
- Galatians 6:7—Paul is saying that we should not kid ourselves about the results of sowing to the flesh or the Spirit in our lives. If you sow apple seeds, what do you get? Apples. If you sow corn kernels, what do you get? Corn. Likewise, if we sow to our flesh, we will reap corruption that results from sin. On the other hand, if we sow to the Spirit, we will reap the spiritual life that the Spirit produces.
 - Genesis 1:11-12—if you plant one grain of corn, do you only get one ear of corn? No, you get an entire stalk with many ears of corn.
 - Job 4:8
 - Proverbs 11:18
 - John 4:36-37—the seed we sow can be reaped by other people and either positively or negatively affect them.
- Galatians 6:8—is extremely clear and needs little explanation.
 - Sow to the flesh = reap corruption.
 - Sow to the Spirit = life everlasting.
- II Corinthians 9:6
- I Corinthians 3:9-15—those who sow to the flesh will reap corruptible things while those who sow to the Spirit will reap incorruptible things.

- I Timothy 6:12, 19—these verses are talking about us fully enjoying the salvation that has been given to us in Jesus Christ.
- Galatians 6:2-5—what we choose to sow does not only affect us. This harkens back to what we saw in the previous lesson. Paul expects believers to take care of others as well as themselves. The best way to do this is by sowing to the Spirit.

Galatians 6:9

- **And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**
- Paul says let us not grow tired of trying to do the right thing. This admonition implies that there is a tendency on the part of believers to want to give up and quit, as far as Christian living, testimony, and ministry are concerned.
- I Corinthians 15:58—Paul does not want us to get weary of trying to walk in the Spirit.
- We need to keep sowing in the field of the Spirit. The Devil always makes sure that well doing is more difficult than doing wrong.
- **In due season**—the time will come where the fruit of our labor will be realized. It might not be when we want it to, but we still cannot quit doing the work.
 - II Timothy 4:1-4—we need to keep preaching the right thing even when people do not want to hear what we have to say.
- **If we faint not**—consider the meanings of the English verb “faint” from Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of the English Language*:
 - 1) To lose the animal functions; to lose strength and color, and become senseless and motionless; to swoon; sometimes with away. he fainted for loss of blood.
 - 2) To become feeble; to decline or fail in strength and vigor; to be weak.
 - 3) To sink into dejection; to lose courage or spirit.

Let not your hearts faint Deuteronomy 20:3.
- Galatians 6:9—Paul is talking about not fainting in terms of well doing. There will be a harvest in “due season.”
 - Isaiah 40:30-31
 - Luke 18:1
 - II Corinthians 4:1, 16
 - Ephesians 3:13

- Where we stand as an assembly
 - Old Guard
 - Demas Affect—worldly pull (II Tim. 4:10)
 - Transition to Online