

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - December 2, 2012
Galatians 6:6-10 Sowing and Reaping

1. Read Galatians 6:6-10

2. Verse 7 The Principles of _____ and _____
- a. **7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.**
- i. **Genesis 8:22** - 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."
- ii. Here we see a **principle** of order and consistency written into all of life, material and moral.
- iii. A farmer's harvest is directly proportionate to the amount & nature of the seed he sows...if he sows wheat...he will reap wheat...if he sows cotton, he will reap cotton, if he sows rice, he will reap rice...if he sows nothing, he will reap nothing.
- iv. We see the same principle at work in the moral and spiritual world - **Whatever one sows, that will he also reap**
(1) Job 4:8, Hosea 8:7, Isaiah 55:10-11
- ii. **Do not be deceived: God is not mocked** - God is giving us a clear warning that along with being deceived about works salvation, we can also be deceived about sowing and reaping. [one of the areas that false teachers exploit]
- i. How are we deceived?
- i. We sow thoughtlessly, nonchalantly, ignorant of the realization that everything we sow has a consequence.
- ii. We sow one kind of seed, expecting to reap another, thinking we can get away with it..**God is not mocked!**
- ii. **Mocked** [mykterizo] - to treat with contempt - to turn up the nose at someone in contempt.
- i. Men may think they can escape the law of seedtime and harvest, but in the end they are only deceiving themselves.
3. We must sow _____ for our _____.
- a. **6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.**
- i. Constant _____ is NOT a good thing!
- ii. one who is taught [katecheo] - report, teach; to teach in a systematic or detailed manner.
- iii. share all good things....share [koinoneo] to share one's possessions with the implication of some kind of joint participation and mutual interest.

- iv. all good things [agathos] - anything that is understood as beneficial (financial, material, spiritual).
- v. with the One who teaches [katecheo] same as above -
- b. The Bible is very clear about supporting those that are central in the teaching ministries of the church. Those of us who are taught the Word of God by a teacher, should in turn support the teacher by any and all material and immaterial means. **Luke 10:7, 1 Cor 9:11**
- i. **Abuse of these principles:** ministerial laziness & congregational control
4. Verse 8 How we _____ will eventually _____.
- a. **8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.**
- i. Paul moves from the particular to the general, from **Christian ministers** and their support to **Christian people** and their moral behavior.
- b. 2 Types of sowing with corresponding results:
- i. Sowing in the flesh = reaping corruption - How do we do this?
- (1) **Works of the flesh** - go back to 5:16-25 - we pander to desires, giving in to them instead of fighting them; we harbor grudges, nurse a grievance, entertain impure fantasy not grounded in reality or wallow in self pity.
- ii. Sowing in the Spirit = reaping eternal life - How?
- (1) **Keep in step with the Spirit** - 'set our mind on the Spirit', But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law; we submit to God's Word and foster spiritual disciplines that will "build" in the Spirit; missions involvement, prayer, learning Scripture, giving of yourself and your offerings..etc.
5. Verses 9-10 We sow first to our _____ then all _____.
- a. **9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**
- i. Do not grow weary of doing good...why? In due season we will **reap**, if we do not give up...which happens all the time.
- b. First strive to continue to sow spiritually into our families
- c. Second strive to continue to sow spiritually to everyone
- i. **James 5:7** - Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.