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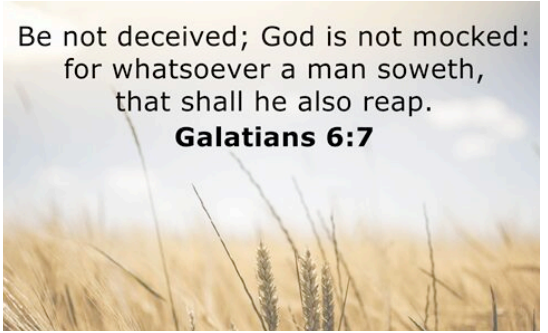
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The Book of Galatians

Theme: “The True Gospel You Have Received”

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Lesson: 32 – Chapter 6:6-10



Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.
Galatians 6:7

TEXT AND STUDY

(6) One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

(7) Do not be deceived: **God is not mocked**, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

(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.

**(Job 4:8; Jerem 34:17; Hos 8:7; 10:12,13; Rom 6:23; 8:13;
1 Cor 6:9; 9:6-14; 2 Cor 9:6;
Php 4:14-19; 1 Tim 5:17,18; Jas 3:18)**

(9) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

(10) So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**(Job 42:12; Ps 126:5; Prov 3:27; 1 Cor 15:58; 2 Cor 4:1; Eph
2:19;
1 Tim 5:8; Titus 2:14; Heb 12:3; 1 Pet 4:17; Rev 2:10)**

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Note the weight of the words. It is to the “instructor in **the Word**” that a sharing in all good things is owed. But to those who do not preach or teach **the Word** this doctrine does not apply at all. Certainly the first and greatest work in the church is **the preaching of the Word**, which is **what the Lord** laid upon Peter three times (John 21:15 ff.) and what He most persistently demands of everyone.

But now nothing is farther to the rear or more despised than this. There are so many duties for jurists, for judges, for officials; but the voice of one shouting in the wilderness is rare (Is. 40:3)—so rare that there is almost nothing more unlike the church than the church itself.

7. Do not be deceived; **God is not mocked.**

In addition, there is the fact that **the preacher of the Word** inevitably offends many people and is exposed to hatred. Consequently, this precept of Paul's is necessary to the highest degree on account of those who are greedy and are filled with hatred, but also on account of those who are careless.

For there are also people who do not contribute because they assume that this is being done in abundance by others. Paul, however, anticipates these pitiful evasions in an excellent way and tells them not to be deceived, that **God** is not mocked, even though they may be able to deceive and delude their fellowman.

8. For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the spirit will from the spirit reap eternal life.

Accordingly, flesh and spirit are presented by the apostle in an allegorical way as two fields. The two seeds are two works. One of these is the seed of love, which Paul has described sufficiently above (Gal. 5:22) in the nine fruits; the other is the seed of the flesh, which we have seen (Gal. 5:19–21) in the works of the flesh. The two harvests are corruption and eternal life.

LIFE APPLICATION

How do we sow to **the Spirit**, so that we will from **the Spirit** reap eternal life?

