

'Do Not Be Deceived'

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1.1 Co.6:9-10, morals

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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2. 1 Co.15:33, companions

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

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2. 1 Co.15:33, companions
3. Ja.1:16-17, God's gifts

⁹ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Sinner hears gospel – remains in unbelief?

- He is deceived
- He does not see harvest that awaits
- God's law of sowing and reaping –
Gal.6:7-9

God Is Not Mocked

Galatians 6:7-9

I. All People Are Sowing, 7

`...For whatever a man sows...'

Emphasis: the kind of seed

All people sow . . .

1. Thoughts. Mt.12:25
2. Words. Mt.12:36-37
3. Deeds. Ro.2:6
 - We broadcast seed with each step
 - Seconds tick by

All people sow . . .

Sow a thought and you reap an act.

Sow an act and you reap a habit.

Sow a habit and you reap a character.

Sow a character and you reap a
destiny.

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II. All People Sow In
One Of Two Fields, 8

`...into his flesh...into the Spirit'

Emphasis: the soil

Into the Flesh

- Fig.: baser part of our nature (passions, appetites)
- **Sow to flesh**: devote time, energy to gratify earthly, sensual desires
 - Gal.5:19-21

Into the Spirit

- If human spirit: promote interests of inner man, 1 Co.5:5
- If Holy Spirit: Gal.5:18,22. Mt.28:19

Many plant **bad** (seed) but expect **good** harvest.

- Sow to flesh; expect to reap to Spirit. **Mt.13:24-30**

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- If human spirit: promote interests of inner man, 1 Co.5:5
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Many plant **bad** (seed) but expect **good** harvest.

Many plant in **wrong soil** but expect **good** harvest.

- God's agriculture: cause and effect.
Mt.13:1-9
- God's law of gravity: cause and effect

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III. We Reap What We Sow, 8

That he will also reap... (7)

'Flesh: reap corruption' (8)

Some think they can sow
one thing, reap another

- **Mock** God: turn up nose at, scorn,
treat with contempt, **outwit**.

- Jacob outwits Isaac

- Jacob's sons outwit Jacob

Impossible in nature

Impossible in morals

- 'THAT he will also reap' (7). Pr.1:30f

- 1 K.18:27; 2 Chr.36:16

Some learn hard way

- David dishonored happy family of another . . . 2 Sm.12:10
- Ahab obeyed wife, not God, 1 K.21-22
- Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11

There is Payday
Someday

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IV. We Reap More
Than We Sow, 8

`...reap **everlasting** life'
Choices: corruption or life

Plant one corn seed: get one back?

Sow to flesh – corruption

Sow to Spirit – eternal life

- Quantity: last place for short time on earth, first in eternity, Mt.25:31-40
- Quality: like Christ, 1 Jn.3:2, eternal bliss / glory
 - Mk.9:48; Mt.10:42
 - Hos.8:7; Ph.3:19

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V. We Must Continue
To Sow, 9

`...not grow **wear**y...'
`if we do not **lose heart**...'

Don't give up, v.9.

- **Weary:** lose motivation, become discouraged.
- **Faint:** 'I give up'; as bow-string (due to weariness)
 - Many start well, grow tired, quit; 'burnout'

Many things cause weariness, fainting

- Ingratitude
- Indifference of others
- Ingratitude – Ja.5:7-8

Conclusion (1)

- *'Don't be under any illusion: you cannot make a fool of God! A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows'* – Phillips

Conclusion (2)

Universal law; every area of life:
like seed, like harvest

1. **Body:** abused for years; even if forgiven, consequences remain.
2. **Marriage:** it is what you make it.
3. **God:** Prov.1:31-33
4. **Congregation:** Ho.10:12. If everyone were just like me...?

Conclusion (3)

Reaping Rules

1. We reap only what we sow.
2. We reap in a different season than we sow.
3. We reap more than we sow.
4. We reap in proportion to what we sow.
5. We reap eternal life only if we keep sowing.
6. We can undo consequences of past sowing by changing what we sow in the present.