

The Gospel Changes Everything
A Promised Harvest – Galatians 6:6-10
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BIG IDEA:

Although deception is possible, the assurance of eternal life keeps us from growing weary in doing good.

Galatians 6:6-10 ESV

"6 Let the one who is taught the word 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. 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."

Sowing to the Spirit, we could say, is the pre-harvest activity. This is our energy and effort that includes our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

I. Sowing to the Spirit is connected to a healthy view of God (7).

Do you remember when your concept of God turned into reality?

Do you remember when you were overtaken by the beauty of His holiness, and you found nothing better than enjoying Him?

- II. Sowing to the Spirit is connected to how we handle people (6, 10)
- III. Sowing to the Spirit is connected to endurance-producing hope (9).

Questions:

- 1. Do I hold monetary gifts and spiritual gifts with open hands allowing God to use these gifts for mutual blessing in the body?
- 2. What opportunities has God put in front of me right now where I can "do good"?
- 3. Am I able to identify any areas where I am growing weary in doing good?
- 4. Where would I say I am finding hope to endure?

Hebrews 12:1-3

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

Application/Encouragement:

God supersedes His own law of the harvest. He is the One who provides the Lift and Thrust to overcome the Drag and Weight of sin. Where sin abounds, his grace does much more abound & He who knew no sin was made to be sin for us, that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. We, who are in Christ, get to reap where He sowed because he reaped on the cross what we sowed. Our reaping of what He has sowed is grace. His reaping what we have sowed is mercy. So, we are back to the Gospel...Jesus plus NOTHING equals EVERYTHING.