

OUTLINE & NOTES for Galatians 6:6–10...

1. We are instructed to generously support those who teach the word of God.

- (Galatians 6:6 ESV) Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

2. When you are taught the word of God, do not be deceived—and in turn mock God—by not paying serious attention to the biblical teaching of sowing and reaping.

- (Galatians 6:7 ESV) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
- (Galatians 6:7 AMP) Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.

Do not be deceived: We should note the real and present danger from the presence of the warning.

What is the deceit that faces a person? That we can live our lives on earth for ourselves—religious or otherwise—and that God will honor these lives of pretense in the end.

Does this person take God to be a fool? No, he or she is deceived.

SOW TO THE FLESH,
REAP CORRUPTION!

3. The person who sows life to please himself will reap ruin and destruction.

- (Galatians 6:8a ESV) For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption ...
- (Galatians 6:8 NCV) If they plant to satisfy their sinful selves, their sinful selves will bring them ruin. But if they plant to please the Spirit, they will receive eternal life from the Spirit.
- (John 12:24–25 ESV) Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

If your bag of seeds is corrupted, then your crop will be corrupted. Sowing to the flesh includes not only sowing to the “badness” of humans but also the “goodness.” The human condition is corrupted—whether good, bad or indifferent per our standards.

God tells us that the result of sowing our lives from the bag of rotten seed—our humanity, the flesh—is destruction. Your “crop forecast” does not matter.

A relationship to God based on and driven by the corrupted desires and passions of your humanity ends in ruin. End of story—you harvest what you plant.



THESE PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS,
BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM ME.
THEIR WORSHIP IS A FARCE,
FOR THEY TEACH MAN-MADE IDEAS
AS COMMANDS FROM GOD.
(MATTHEW 15:8–9 NLT)

Isn't religious pretense really just kind of like "throwing God a bone"?

- To throw one a bone is to attempt to appease or placate someone by giving them something trivial or of minor importance [e.g. lip service] or by doing some small favor for them.

4. But if you sow a relationship to God based on the Spirit—the way your faithful teacher will have instructed you, then from the Spirit you will reap eternal life, both now and forever.

- (Galatians 6:8b ESV) ... but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- (John 10:10 ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

5. Don't grow weary sowing the things of the Spirit because in God's due season we will reap his harvest.

- (Galatians 6:9 ESV) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Sowing to the Spirit is God's work that will be rewarded at God's harvest time.

6. So then we should take every opportunity possible with everyone possible to sow to the Spirit, and especially to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

- (Galatians 6:10 ESV) So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

We must remember that we were not set free from our sins to serve ourselves but to through love serve one another.

- (Galatians 5:13 ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.