

## What Are You Sowing? Galatians 6:7-10

It is an inescapable law, you reap what you sow. There are laws that fixed in the universe and we ought to be glad for that. Imagine the first manned mission to the moon where the astronauts circled the moon and returned to the earth. They were traveling at \_\_\_\_\_MPH attempting to circle an object traveling \_\_\_\_\_MPH. The laws of physics/mathematics were constant and allowed those astronauts to do this. What would have happened, at the last minute the moon sped up 5,000MPH? Obviously, this didn't happen because those laws of nature are \_\_\_\_\_, and there's no woke politician can change it. Just like the laws of \_\_\_\_\_ are fixed, so also are there \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ laws.

In our passage today, Paul warned the human race that \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. We should pay heed to this warning and warn others as well. He tells us early that whatever we \_\_\_\_\_, that's what we'll \_\_\_\_\_. We shouldn't be deceived. Jer 17:9, Obadiah 3, James 1:22, I Cor 6:9-11, Rom 16:17, Eph 4:16.

Mocking God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Others have attempted to mock God, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Goliath, Herod...how about you?

### I. A Divine Law, Stated in the Negative

Actions and Ideas do have consequences. Our present \_\_\_\_\_ will determine future condition. If you plant a tomato seed, you'll not harvest a watermelon. So, if you sow \_\_\_\_\_ things, you'll reap \_\_\_\_\_.

Every time we allow our mind to harbor a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fantasy, or wallow in self pity, we are sowing to the flesh. Every time we linger in bad company whose insidious influence we know we cannot resist, every time we take a risk which strains our self control, we are sowing, sowing, sowing to the flesh. Some Christians sow to the flesh every day and wonder why they do not reap holiness. Holiness is a harvest. Whether we reap it or not depends almost entirely on what and where we sow. (John Stott)

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### II. A Divine Law, Stated in the Positive

Sowing in the Spirit means following the Spirit's lead, obeying his instructions for holy living. It is living for \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure rather than our own. It is living for \_\_\_\_\_ in every arena of life. In some senses it has already begun, as we reap rewards now.

### III. The Divine Law, \_\_\_\_\_.

Let us not grow \_\_\_\_\_, not grow \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ heart. Paul knew we were/are prone to be exhausted and to give up, slacking off. As we do this, we get tired and are easily \_\_\_\_\_ to sin. We tend to get discouraged when we don't see \_\_\_\_\_, quickly.

Philip Ryken wrote "once saved, always saved is true, but Christians sometimes forget that once saved, always to \_\_\_\_\_." William Carey, missionary to India in 1793, worked for \_\_ years before seeing his first convert. He refused to give up. He sowed for seven years, then saw a harvest.

### IV. The Divine Law, \_\_\_\_\_

Paul ends this portion of Scripture by exhorting us to do something while patiently waiting for the harvest: Do go to \_\_\_\_\_. A Christian is someone who does all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ to all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_. Charity, as it is said, begins at home, but only *begins* at home. It always then goes out into the neighborhood. This is what impressed the ancient world about Christians.

I recognize that there are people whom you have helped countless times, there are lost people whom you continue to work with, love and support but we must not lose heart. You will \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember the story of Luke Short. He lived, unconverted, until he was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Then at that aged he remembered a sermon he heard. It called him to repent of his sin, believe and be forgiven of his sin by the Lord Jesus. He professed Christ that very day. He lived for three more years, dying at age 106. The sermon he remembered? It had been preached some \_\_\_\_\_ years previously. That sermon bore fruit almost a century after it was preached.