



## Galatians 6:6-10

This scripture is another example of the ***spiritual law of action and reaction*** being explained by the natural example of sowing and reaping.

*Galatians 6:6–10 “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”*

This scripture does not promise that what you sow is what you will reap. People take the one statement, “*whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*” and try to teach that you will only reap the thing you have sown. However, Paul goes on to tell you what is sowed and what is reaped. He only makes the statement of “*whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*” to use the natural law of sowing and reaping to illustrate the spiritual law of action and reaction. There will be a reaction to your every action.

Notice Paul says plainly that the one that sows to the flesh shall reap of the flesh corruption. In the Bible “corruption” refers to separation from God and the consequences of it (Acts 2:27, 31,

13:37). He is saying that if you live your life serving your flesh, then you will reap corruption in the end. You don't even have to pray for it or believe for it. This is an emphatic statement and a warning as Paul said, *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked."* This will happen no matter what you do or believe. As a matter of fact, you may not believe it, and even deny it, but it will still happen. No one "believes" or "releases faith" for corruption, yet corruption is what you will have should you live your life serving the flesh.

Paul also says that the one that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. The term "life everlasting" in the Bible always refers to our relationship with God both now and forever. Jesus told us what everlasting life is:

*John 17:3 "And **this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."***

The words "eternal" and "everlasting" are the same root in the Greek text. Life everlasting, or life eternal is **knowing** God. We have life everlasting both now and in the future through Jesus bringing us into relationship with God.

Paul is telling us that as we sow to the Spirit we shall reap life everlasting. However, we sow but do not reap **what** we have sown. This is the spiritual law of action and reaction. Those who interpret this by using the natural law of sowing and reaping that is used only as an example completely miss what is being said.

Also notice that there is no neutrality in Paul's statement about sowing and reaping. We do not choose to sow. We are either sowing to one place or to the other continually. This sowing is not an event, it is a life style. If we do not sow to the Spirit we are still sowing - but we are sowing to our flesh. The only choice we have over our sowing is in what manner we sow, but not over whether or not we sow. I hear people say that they are going to "believe God" for this scripture but Paul does not indicate that faith or prayer are involved. I cannot see where our faith will produce what some consider the promises of this scripture because it is an emphatic statement - not a promise. As I mentioned, no one "believes" to reap corruption but they are emphatically told that they will reap corruption should they sow to the flesh by not sowing to the Spirit. Likewise, you will emphatically reap life everlasting for sowing to the Spirit.

## **How do we sow to the Spirit?**

The context of Galatians 6:6-10 is giving to the one teaching you the Word of God. Paul uses the term “communicate” which is a relational term. This teacher is the one that consistently teaches you the Word of God, and I believe this refers primarily to the pastor. Paul was the overseer of this church and therefore had an ongoing relationship with them and qualified for their support. Paul also says to “let us not be weary in well doing” which indicates something that is done repeatedly and consistently. No one gets weary doing something one time. You only get weary because it is something you do all the time.

Since the context of this scripture is giving to the one teaching you the Word of God, then this is considered sowing to the Spirit. The ministry gift is called and anointed to equip and mature the saints (Ephesians 4:11-12). Many spiritual transactions occur in the relationship of ministry gift and the saint that develop the saint in the things of God. This is the spiritual law of action and reaction. The saints sow financial support to the teacher, but they reap spiritual development, and they grow in their knowledge and relationship with God. Paul said it this way to the Corinthians:

*1 Corinthians 9:11 “If we have **sown unto you spiritual things**, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?”*

The ministry gift sows “spiritual things” into the lives of God’s people by teaching them the Word of God and by the anointing on their lives to minister. So, giving to the ministry gift is sowing to the Spirit. Paul sows spiritual things but reaps carnal things, the people sow carnal things but reap spiritual things. This is the spiritual law of action and reaction.

### **A step further.**

The Natural Law of Sowing and Reaping has three principles that govern the law. They are:

**What** you sow is **what** you reap.

**When** you sow, **then** you will reap.

**To what** you sow, **from that** you will reap.

The phrase, “for **whatsoever** a man soweth, **that** shall he also reap” is constructed with words that take on the meaning from the context. They are called *conditional* particles. The word “whatsoever” is the conditional particle and the word “that” is then determined by how the word for “whatsoever” is used. The word for “whatsoever” can mean the following: **what, when or to whom**. Which definition is used is determined by the context. Let’s look at this phrase using each definition.

“for **what** a man sows, **that** shall he also reap”

“for **when** a man sows, **then** shall he also reap”

“**to whom** a man sows, **from them** shall he also reap”

Since the context of the scripture is giving to the one that teaches you, the phrase “**to whom** a man sows, **from them** shall he also reap” is more appropriate and is true to the Greek definition of the words. Words that are conditional particles are always determined by the context.

From cover to cover, the Bible shows us that God always sends a man to His people. That man has a call, an anointing, and a message for the people of God. The call, the anointing and the message are all products of the work of the Spirit within and upon the man. Therefore, sowing to the Spirit is “communicating” with the one that is teaching you. This makes the phrase, “**to whom** a man sows, **from them** shall he also reap” more appropriate in its context. This is the result of the spiritual law of action and reaction illustrated by the natural law of sowing and reaping.

As the saints commit to a local church and support the pastor and the work of the church, they are reaping life eternal every time they come. If they stay committed to the work of God they will be discipled and grow in the things of God and in their relationship with God. Jesus said:

*John 17:3 “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”*

Paul was very specific in saying what would be reaped for what was sown. He never said a word about reaping money for sowing money. He also never said that the thing you sow would be the thing you reap. Life eternal, or life everlasting, is knowing God and this is what Paul said would be reaped.

When you truly know God, you will always prosper and be blessed.

*3John 2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."*

According to this scripture, you prosper in life only to the degree that your soul prospers. The prosperity of your soul then determines the level of material prosperity you qualify for. The more you know God, the more your soul prospers. Being in relationship with and supporting a ministry gift provides you with God's means to reap life everlasting and prosper in life. Once again, this is the spiritual law of action and reaction.