



# Galatians 6:6-10: Sowing and Reaping

Grace and the Gospel Bible Study

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“Following Paul’s example, it is very necessary to urge the faithful to do good works—that is, to exercise their faith through good works, for if they do not proceed from faith, it is obvious that it is not true faith.”

- Martin Luther, *Commentary on Saint Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians*

What are some of the themes that we have found in Galatians?

What does Paul mean by walking in the Spirit?

## Galatians 6:6

What does this verse seem to be suggesting?

**1 Corinthians 9:13-14** Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

But what does the context suggest (vv. 1-5)?

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Galatians 6:6** Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

“Moreover, let him who is being instructed in the Word be partaker with the one instructing him in all good things.” (R.C.H. Lenski)

**Hebrews 13:7** Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

## Galatians 6:7

What attitude toward God is rejected here?

What principle does Paul suggest as we interact with God?

**2 Corinthians 9:6** The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

## **Galatians 6:8**

What specific avenues of sowing and reaping does Paul reveal?

**Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

What do we reap if we sow to our own flesh? To the Spirit?

How is all of this different from karma?

**Proverbs 11:27** Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

## **Galatians 6:9**

What encouragement does he offer?

What might this look like?

**Proverbs 3:27-28** Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it" - when you have it with you.

What promise do we find?

## **Galatians 6:10**

What group especially requires our good?

Where is your primary allegiance?

**Ephesians 2:19-20** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.