

Galatians 6:7-10

The Law Of Sowing And Reaping

Introduction: The popular American author Ernest Hemingway often wrote from his own experiences in many of his books. Some of his writings depict his amoral and atheistic view of life. Moral laws to him were religious superstition and had no relevance. He died a suicidal death by putting a bullet in his head (1898-1961). The Prophet Hosea said “they sow to the wind, they will reap the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7)

The apostle Paul illustrates this section with the well known law of Botany. A given seed can only reproduce its own kind. Paul’s use of a strong negative “be not deceived, God is not mocked” (Eph.6:10-17)

I. The Divine Law Stated v.7b

A. The law of agriculture - intentional and inadvertent planting

1. Childhood - Prov.22:6
2. Adulthood - Eph.6:4, Col.3:21
3. The Believer - Hos.10:12
4. Humanistic Psychology

B. The Immutable spiritual law of sowing and reaping

II. The Divine Law Explained v.8

A. Two fields to sow:

1. **The field of the flesh** - Rom.8:23; Gal.5:19-21; Rom.7:18;
 - corruption - *phthora* - decay or degeneration, rottenness
 - legalistic doctrine - **Turn To Colossians 2:16-23**
 - deteriorating creation - Rom.8:21
 - human body - I Cor.15:42
2. **The field of the Spirit** - Gal.5:22-23
 - walking by the Spirit - 5:16
 - led by the Spirit - 5:18
 - living by the Spirit - 5:25
 - Sowing to the Spirit - 6:8
3. **Eternal life refers primarily to the quality of life** - Jn.10:10,28; Psa. 51:12

III. The Divine Law Fulfilled v.9

A. Not instant success

1. **Be not like children** - Eph.4:14
2. **Be like men** - I Cor.15:13 - **Turn to John 4:35-38**, I Cor.3:7, II Pet.3:18, IITim.4:7-8

IV. The Divine Law Applied v. 10

A. Take advantage of Providence - opportunity - *kaios* - ‘a fixed period of time Referring to our life span’

B. Be Active - let us do -*ergazamai* - ‘to work effectively and diligently’- **John 9:4**

C. Do Good Things - *agathos* - goodness of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22

1. **To unbelievers** - Mat.5:43-47, I Pet.2:15
2. **To believers** - I John 3:14, 4:20-21

