



Most of the Time You Reap What You Sow

Galatians 6:6-9

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Galatians 6:6

- Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

This is based on
what Jesus said.



Luke 10:7

- And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, **for the laborer deserves his wages.**
Do not go from house to house.



1 Corinthians 9:11

- If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?



Why is it that so many people have no issue with paying for everything they receive except that which comes from the church?



Obviously, there must have been a problem in the church or Paul would not have written v. 6 followed by v. 7 to the Galatians.

What does it say about a person when they want to be taught but don't want to share their material goods w/ those who teach?





Look @ the Next Verse



Galatians 6:7

- Do not be deceived:

**Is Paul saying this
because of the v. 3?**



Galatians 6:3

- For if anyone thinks he is something [spiritual], when he is nothing [spiritual], **he deceives himself.**



Galatians 6:7

- Do not be deceived: **God is not mocked,** for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.



You Can't Fool God

God can't be deceived into
thinking you are something



Listen to Jeremiah 17:10



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- “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind,
- to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”



1 Peter 1:17

- And if you call on him as Father **who judges impartially according to each one's deeds**, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

Is that what you want?

**God judge me according to my
obedience to your moral law. Give me
the fruit of my deeds.**

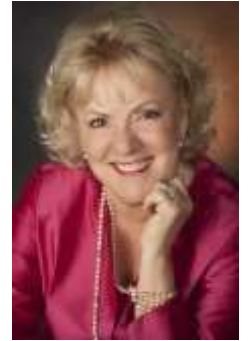


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DO WE ALWAYS REAP WHAT WE SOW?

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People regularly ask me that question because incidents often happen in their lives and they can't imagine having ever done anything to reap them. The answer to the above-mentioned question is **ALWAYS YES!** The immutable law of cause and effect manages everything.

The reason why many people question the veracity of the answer 'always' is because they believe they deserve to reap according to their actions. What follows is the key element to remember when trying to understand the law of cause and effect; it is based on our attitude (fears, accusations, beliefs, etc.) and not our actions.

Is LISE BOURBEAU correct?



Is she right?

**Do you want a universe
with an immutable law
governing everything?**



Job 4:8

- As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.

Is it always this way?



Is there an
immutable law of
reaping and sowing?



Is there an
immutable law of
reaping and sowing?

No



I do find it highly ironic that people who deny the existence of God appeal to a law of reaping and sowing.

Are they suggesting it is possible to have a law without a lawgiver?

Laws of Hammurabi's Code

A law doesn't just come into existence—an immutable law of reaping and sowing doesn't just happen.



**Is there a general law of reaping and sowing
that should be understood and taught?**

Yes!

Is that law immutable? No (Praise the Lord!)



Exceptions to the Law

What are they?

1. **Judgment.** If God is judging you for sin it will not matter how much you sow you will not reap proportionally.



In Micah 6:15
We read just the
opposite.



Micah 6:15

- You shall sow, but not reap;
you shall tread olives, but not anoint
yourselves with oil; you shall tread
grapes, but not drink wine.



Haggai 1:5–6

- Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶ **You have sown much, and harvested little.** You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

1. Judgment. If God is judging you for sin it will not matter how much you sow you will not reap proportionally.

2. **Prayer.** You have not because you ask not. When we pray we are asking God to intervene without regard to reaping and sowing.



James 4:2–3

- You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. **You do not have, because you do not ask.** You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

1. Judgment. If God is judging you for sin it will not matter how much you sow you will not reap proportionally.
2. Prayer. You have not because you ask not. When we pray we are asking God to intervene without regard to reaping and sowing.
3. **Grace.** When God's decides to be merciful and manifest his great grace we don't reap what we have sown.



Look @ What Jesus Says

Matthew 6:26



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- Look at the birds of the air: **they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns**, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not of more value than they?



Based on what the Scripture records and what we see **people do reap what they sow**, but this is NOT an immutable law managing everything that happens.

This is a law that God has ordained but He is not confined by it.



Turn to

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, **“Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”** ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, **“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”** ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”** ⁴³ And he said to him, **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**



Luke 18:13

- But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, **‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’**

This is a prayer that he doesn't reap what he has sown.

**Let's take our understanding of
GRACE, MERCY, and the GOSPEL.**



And look at v. 8



Galatians 6:8

- For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.



Paul is still in context

Galatians 5:16–25

¹⁶ But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the **desires of the Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if **you are led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ **If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**



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Reap Corruption

- **You will not be delivered from this present evil age (1:4)**
- **You will not reap eternal life.**
- **You will not inherit an entrance into the eternal kingdom of God.**



What does it mean to sow to the Spirit?



Based on the Context

Sowing to the Spirit would involve anything that produces the fruit of the Spirit



So what about
GRACE?

Am I earning my
salvation?



NO



Acts 26:20

- but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, **that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.**



Paul is teaching us a spiritual law.

**Saved people sow more to the Spirit
than the flesh and lost people sow
to the flesh and never to the Spirit
because the Spirit isn't in them.**



Paul expands this in

2 Corinthians 9:6



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- The point is this: **whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**



2 Corinthians 9:6 is accurate in both a spiritual and pragmatic/practical sense.

We reap what we sow must be learned, taught, and lived out in ALL areas of my life.

We are living in a day and age where people expect to reap without sowing.



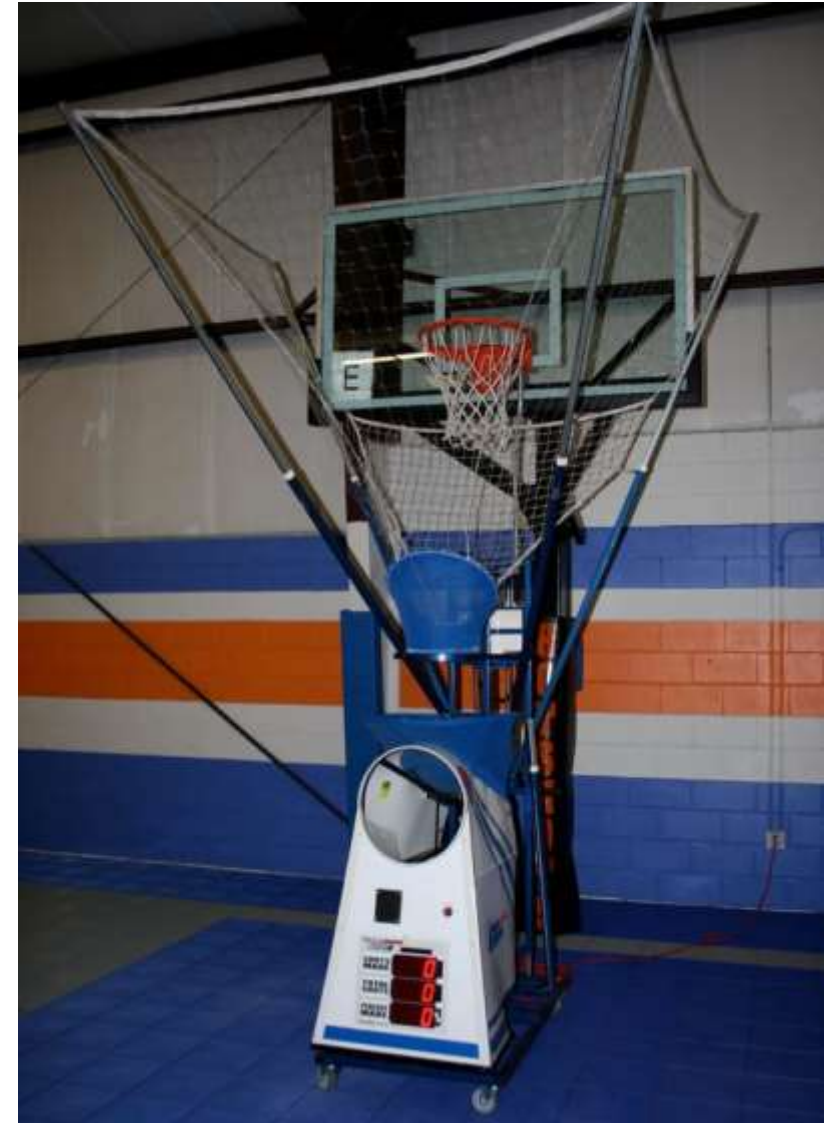
This principle
applies to life.







**Machine like this are used
because Galatians 6:7 is true.**





**"I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come. I don't do things half-heartedly.
Because I know if I do, then I can expect half-hearted results."**

~ Michael Jordan





Teaching the **TRUTH**

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

- 1. Personal Spiritual Life**
- 2. Relationships with others**
- 3. Church life**
- 4. Finances**
- 5. Work/occupation**
- 6. Stewardship of your personal property (cars, homes)**
- 7. Rehab/physical fitness and recreational sports proficiency**



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