

Sermon Series:  
**The Epistle to the Galatians**  
**"Sowing & Reaping"**  
 Galatians 6:6-10



Do a person's actions dictate their quality of life? Are people simply subject to life's lottery? Is the good or bad that happens to them merely fate? The phrase "You reap what you sow," is intended to answer these questions.

Sowing and reaping is used repeatedly throughout Scripture no doubt because virtually everyone in an agrarian society understood its meaning. Most people grew their own food. The concept of working the ground, planting seeds, and waiting for harvest was second nature to them.

In Galatians 6:7, Paul made point about sowing and reaping. He said that what you sow you will reap. If this is true, then the type of seed sown also counts. For example, if a farmer plants corn seeds, he can't expect to grow tomatoes. Likewise, a Christian who sows time into the Kingdom of God and expects a monetary return may be disappointed. We cannot sow weeds and reap wheat, nor can we sow thorns and reap strawberries. Hosea tells us that if we sow wind, we will reap a whirlwind, and if we sow to sin, we will reap destruction, not righteousness.

It is more than just an agricultural principle. It is an axiom of life that we reap what we sow. There are natural consequences to our actions. The world operates under the law of cause and effect. There is no way around it: every time we choose an action, we also choose the consequences of that action. This principle works both positively and negatively. "The one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward" (Prov. 11:18), but "whoever sows injustice reaps calamity" (Prov. 22:8).

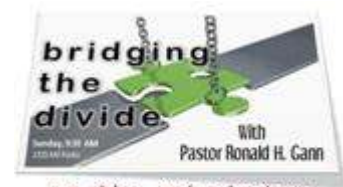
Come join us this Sunday, February 19th, at 10 AM, for *Lesson #19: Sowing and Reaping* and learn more!

Blessings,

*Ron Gann*

Malachi 2:5-7

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