

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

31 January 2021

Texts: Galatians 6

Subject: "Sowing and reaping"

INTRODUCTION

1. Bearing fruit

- a) This is clearly taught
- b) It is possible for every believer to bear fruit
- c) This is a precious and uplifting thought

2. There are principles involved

- a) They need to be understood
- b) They need to be practised

AN IMPORTANT NOTATION ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5

1. The fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

2. The works of the flesh

Galatians 5:19-21

(Many features highlighted)

3. A sharp contrast

- a) Spirit vs. Flesh
- b) Wholesome fruit vs. Unwholesome works

4. The Challenge

- a) To put away the works of the flesh
 - i) They are deadly
 - ii) They are destructive

- iii) They need to be dealt with
- b) To cultivate the fruit of the Spirit
 - i) It would confirm our faith
 - ii) It would characterize our life
 - iii) It would complement our declared faith

PRINCIPLES THAT MUST BE BORNE IN MIND

“⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

Galatians 6:7-9

1. Do not be deceived

- a) Self-deception
- b) Sin’s deception

2. God is not mocked

- a) God is not to be derided
- b) He is not to be held in contempt

3. There are divine principles at work

- a) Whatever a man sows
- b) That he will also reap

Galatians 6:7

4. Sowing to the flesh

- a) The works of the flesh is to be borne in mind
- b) Principle of Sowing and Reaping

Galatians 5:19-21

c) If we sow to the flesh

d) We will reap corruption

5. Sowing to the Spirit

a) If we sow to the Spirit

i) We need to do our part

ii) We need to understand the work of the Spirit much more

b) We will reap life everlasting

i) Life everlasting is promised

ii) It will be confirmed

iii) It will be evidenced in our life on earth

c) To be borne in mind: The fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE HEART

1. And let us not grow weary while doing good

Galatians 6:9a

a) Doing good

i) Acts of mercy and kindness

ii) It is something God wants us to do

Titus 3:14

b) Let us not grow weary

i) Tiredness

ii) Jadedness

iii) Loss of interest

iv) Loss of heart

2. For in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart Galatians 6:9b

a) Sowing takes hard work

b) Fruit-growing takes time

c) Due season

i) Fruit to maturity Luke 8:14

ii) Fruit with Patience Luke 8:15

d) We shall reap if we do not lose heart

i) Hope of reaping

ii) Anticipation of reaping

iii) Joy of reaping

iv) If we do not lose heart

FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT

⁵ Those who sow in tears

Shall reap in joy.

⁶ He who continually goes forth weeping,

Bearing seed for sowing,

Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,

Bringing his sheaves *with him*."

Psalm 126:5-6

1. Sowing in tears

2. Reaping in joy

3. The work needed

a) Continually going forth

b) Weeping

c) Bearing seed for sowing

4. Reaping

a) With rejoicing

b) Bringing his sheaves with him