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Sow What?

That is a good question. **What is a good question?** Will I sow to the Spirit or will I sow to the sinful nature? What will nurture and feed my life? Will I live for comfort and pleasure? Will I allow myself to become immersed in the thoughts and patterns and practices of this world? Will my life be dominated by fleshly and sinful and evil desires that are commonly accepted in this world today? Will my thoughts and words and actions look, and sound be just like everyone else around me? Will I simply conform and blend into a dark and drab and evil life that is quite distant from you and your will for me? No, no, no, absolutely not! That is not the life I will live. That is not the life that I want. Nor do you want that life for me. You did not call me to come to you only to have me to think and act and live my life according to and in conformity with all the evil in the world. It is your plan that I will shine brightly for you like a star in the universe. **Yes, it is.** You want me to sow to the Spirit. You want my life to be filled with good deeds that will bear abundant fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, that is the life that I am calling you to live.**

How will you sow to the Spirit? How will you live a life that is filled with good deeds that I have given you to do for me? I will draw near to you. I will submit myself to you. I will resist evil of every kind. I will listen attentively to you. I will follow you to where you lead me. I will do whatever you ask of me. I will live and walk in an intimate relationship with you. I will still live in the world, but I will not be of the world. **That will be very good.**

What will be the outcome of your life as you continue to sow to the Spirit and do the good, I give you to do? I will reap a rich harvest for you. I will bear fruit for your kingdom. I will bring glory to your name. **Yes, you will.** That will be very good. **Yes, it will.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will not sow to the sinful nature. Instead, I will keep on sowing to the Spirit. Help me to say yes to you by doing the good you have given me to do for you. Help me to never grow weary. Help me to never give up. Help me to reap a rich harvest for you. Amen

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NIV Galatians 6:7-10

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Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 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. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

ESV Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Don't Give Up*

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

NLT Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Do Not Lose Heart*

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 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. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

NKJV Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Do Not Give Up*

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

NRSV Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Do Not Give Up*

Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

MSG Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Not Lose Heart And Grow Weary*

Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap. For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint. So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good [morally] to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers].

AMP Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Don't Get Discouraged And Give Up*

Don't be misled; remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it: a man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows! If he sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death; but if he plants the good things of the Spirit, he will reap the everlasting life that the Holy Spirit gives him. And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. That's why whenever we can we should always be kind to everyone, and especially to our Christian brothers.

TLB Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Do Not Grow Weary*

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NASB Galatians 6:7-10

Becoming Like Christ *Do Not Give Up*

Do not be fooled: You cannot cheat God. People harvest only what they plant. If they plant to satisfy their sinful selves, their sinful selves will bring them ruin. But if they plant to please the Spirit, they will receive eternal life from the Spirit. We must not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time if we do not give up. When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

NCV Galatians 6:7-10

Do Not Give Up

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Galatians 6:7-10

In Context: *Read Galatians 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why can you be absolutely certain that you will reap what you sow?

How are you making it your daily and ongoing choice to sow to Spirit rather than to the sinful nature?

How has your heart and mind and life been transformed as you have continued to sow to the Spirit?

When have you been given God appointed opportunities to do good so you could reap a rich harvest?

Why will there almost always be a significant delay between doing good and reaping a harvest?

Why is it possible that you might not know the fruitfulness of your labor and size of the harvest this side of heaven?

How has the Lord helped you to keep on sowing to the Spirit and doing what is good?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Keep on sowing to the Spirit and doing what is good so you will be able to reap a rich harvest for the Lord.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to sow to the Spirit and keep on doing what is good.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have reaped a harvest by continuing to do what is good.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you never grow weary of sowing to the Spirit and doing what is good.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will never grow weary of sowing to the Spirit and doing what is good.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I sow to the Spirit and keep on doing do what is good today?
