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Sow What?

That is a very good question. What is a very good question? **What will you sow in life? There are only two choices.** What are my choices? **You can sow to the Spirit or you can sow to the flesh. Another way of putting is you can sow to the Spirit, or you can sow to the sinful nature. Sowing to the Spirit will bring life and peace and joy. Sowing to the flesh or sinful nature will bring disaster, death, and destruction.** Who would ever decide to sow to the flesh or sinful nature? **You would be surprised. Many choose to live for what looks like the pleasure of the moment. Many live to please themselves. Many only pursue what this sin broken world has to offer. They chase after what will never satisfy. They seek what will never last. The pleasures of sin are but for moment. But as you know, the wage of sin is death, and that death is certain.** I have no doubt about that. **That's good.**

You used a good word in your question. What word was that? **You used the word, choice. You must choose. If you want to sow to the Spirit, you must make that your choice. Choosing to sow to the Spirit is not a one and done choice. Your choice to sow to the Spirit must be a daily decision. Actually, it must be an ongoing moment by moment decision that you will continually make and affirm as you live a life that is pleasing to me. Why is that? This sin broken world will attempt to allure and entice you to live according to all its evil purposes, patterns, and passions. This sin broken world will attempt to entrap you into living a life that is not pleasing to me. This sin broken world's goal is that you live to please yourself in ways that will guarantee that you will be ineffective and unfruitful for me.** It is the desire of my heart to live a life that is pleasing to you that will bear a rich harvest for the Kingdom of God and bring glory to His name. **That is a very good desire that you have within you. So, be on guard against sowing to the flesh or sinful nature.** Don't let anything feed evil in you. I will be on guard. I will not let anything feed evil in me. **That's good.**

Keep on doing the good I give you to do. Keep on sowing to the Spirit. Live the life I have given you to live. Never give up. Never become weary and quit. I will not. **One day you will reap a rich harvest because you have continued to sow to the Spirit. Of this, you can be certain.** Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, I will not sow to the sinful nature. I will be on guard against thinking, speaking, or acting in ways that displease you. I will sow to please you. I will not grow weary in doing the good you give me to do for you. Help me to bear a rich kingdom harvest. Amen

The Spirit Empowered Life *Sows To Please The Spirit*

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NIV Galatians 6:7-10

The Spirit Empowered Life *Live To Please The Spirit*

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

The Spirit Empowered Life *Sow To The Spirit*

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

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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

The Spirit Empowered Life *Sows To The Spirit*

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will 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. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

NASB Galatians 6:7-10

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ESV Galatians 6:7-10

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NKJV Galatians 6:7-10

The Spirit Empowered Life *Plants In Response To God*

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

The Spirit Empowered Life *Plants The Good Things Of The Spirit*

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

The Spirit Empowered Life *Plant To Please The Spirit*

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

Sows To Please The Spirit

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Spirit Empowered Life – 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)*

When have you suffered because you did something to sow to your sinful nature?

How are you now on guard against doing anything that sows to the sinful nature?

What are examples of ways that you can sow to please the Holy Spirit?

How are you actively engaged in daily sowing to please the Holy Spirit?

How has the Holy Spirit helped you to not grow weary and keep on doing good?

Why will sowing to the Holy Spirit and reaping a rich harvest take time and be in different seasons?

How has your life born fruit for the Kingdom of God as you have sowed to please the Holy Spirit?

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

Never grow weary in sowing to please the Holy Spirit by doing the good He gives you to do for Him.

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

Have faith that you will reap a rich harvest as you continue to sow to please the Holy Spirit.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are actively engaged in sowing to please the Holy Spirit.

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 keep on sowing to please the Holy Spirit so you can reap a rich harvest for the Kingdom of God.

Prayer To Carry

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

Holy Spirit, I will continue to sow to please you so I can reap a rich harvest for the Kingdom of God.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, how can I sow to please you and one day reap a rich harvest for the Kingdom of God?
