



## Series: Hard Truths | Big Help

### INTRODUCTION

There is a lesson the older generation eventually learns that the younger generation often struggles to believe. It is simple, and it is truth from the Bible. Choices do not stay in the past – they follow us. Sometimes for years... sometimes decades... and sometimes for the rest of our lives. The Bible describes this reality with a law God created and built into our universe.

**Galatians 6:7** says,

*“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”*

A farmer understands something many people do not – when a seed goes into the ground, it disappears for a while... but it never disappears permanently. Eventually it grows. And the harvest is always bigger than the seed. A small seed becomes a large harvest. Similarly...

A moment of anger can produce years of broken relationships.

A hidden sin can produce years of consequences.

A careless decision can shape an entire future.

And this is where many people misunderstand repentance. Repentance restores our relationship with God. But repentance does not always erase the consequences of what was planted. Older believers know this from experience. Many say, “I thank God for His forgiveness... but I am still living with some of the harvest from choices I made years ago.”

This week’s hard truth is one the older generation knows very well:

**You always reap – even after repentance.**

### 1. The Law of Sowing and Reaping is Universal

**Galatians 6:8** – *“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; But he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”*

#### Insights:

- ✓ This is not a suggestion. It is a law – as fixed as gravity.
- ✓ This applies to everyone – believers and unbelievers.
- ✓ This law works negatively and **POSITIVELY**.
- ✓ This law works over the course of time. **Psalm 10:6, 11; 64:5; 73:11; 94:7; Ecc 8:11**

#### Key Truths

- ✓ The word of God is not to be taken lightly – consequences will come. Take heed!
- ✓ Often, people see a lack of immediate impact as an indication God is not **WATCHING!**

## 2. Repentance removes guilt – not all consequences.

*2 Samuel 11:1-5* – “And it came to pass... David... saw...sent and enquired ... I am with child.”

*Psalms 51:3* – “For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”

*Psalms 51:12* – “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.”

### Insights:

- ✓ David sinned with Bathsheba. He repented deeply and truly. God forgave him.
- ✓ But consequences followed: the child died, the sword and family division, public shame...  
Forgiven? Yes. Consequence-free: **NO**

### Key Truth

- ✓ Repentance (and forgiveness) restores *relationship*. It does not rewind the reaping law.

## 3. THE GOOD NEWS: You also reap in righteousness by God’s grace!

The truth cuts both ways.

When you repent:

... you sow humility... obedience... belief in the word of God... new habits...

Over time, you reap restoration, rebuilt trust, maturity, joy, and spiritual fruit. **Gal 6:8b**

God may not remove all consequences, but He redeems the harvest of your life! **Rom 8:28**

## 5. THE OLDER GENERATION

### Listen to their Testimonies:

- ✓ “I wish I had guarded my purity.”
- ✓ “I wish I had handled money differently.”
- ✓ “I wish I had controlled my temper and tongue.”
- ✓ “I wish I had chosen my friends more carefully.”

- ✓ YOUR TESTIMONY:

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### Important Lessons

*Time magnifies seeds sown.  
Small compromises become large harvests.*

## 6. PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR ALL GENERATIONS

- ✓ Sin’s pleasure is **SHORT**. Its harvest is long. *Hebrews 11:25* – *pleasure in sin for a season.*
- ✓ Some harvests are **PERMANENT**. *Words spoken, reputation damage, bodies harmed, trust broken.*
- ✓ Early obedience is easier than late **REPAIR**. *Planting wisely is easier than digging up thorns!*
- ✓ Ask before you act. *What seed am I planting? What will this be in 10 years? Will my future family reap?*
- ✓ Build boundaries into your life. *Because sowing is permanent; avoid sin’s destructive impacts!*

### To the younger generations:

*You cannot change yesterday’s seed – but you can plant different seed today! Start now.*

### To the older generations:

*Be an example for the younger believers; share your personal testimony of this truth.*