

The Sermon

Welcome

Good morning!

My Name is Pastor Jonathan

And I am so grateful that each of you are here today.

Everyone is welcome at Harvey!

Opening Illustration

Now I first moved to Texas in 2007 to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth...

And Texas was a foreign country to me...

- The only thing familiar was I-20, which I had lived off of in both Louisiana and Mississippi....

But I came to find out...that Texas wasn't a foreign country to my family....

Because it turns out, my great-grandfather had been here first. My Great-Grandfather had actually come to Texas in the 1930s to ALSO attend seminary at Southwestern Seminary.

And while he was there with his wife, living on campus...they had a little baby girl.

- She was born while he was in seminary and spent the first few years of her life there...
- And she would later become my grandmother.

Fast forward to when I was a student at the SAME SEMINARY...

- In 2010, my wife and I had our first child, a daughter...
- And she spent the first few years of her life on that same exact ground
- 80 years later...

And that campus is covered in big, mature pecan trees that make a ton of pecans...

- And one day after our daughter was born, I was walking to class...
- And I saw a group of seminary students out picking up pecans...to feed their families...

And my mind began to think...while much has changed...

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- These trees had most likely been planted around the time that my great-grandfather was there...

Someone had planted these trees in the early 1900s

- But now there's a generation benefitting from what they did...
- That they would never even meet or know

And then I started thinking about more than trees...

- I thought about that whole campus..
- And how much it had grown since my great-grandfather had been there....

And I was struck by the investment of ordinary everyday people...

- All of it had come from people sitting in churches just like this one....
- Ordinary people who gave a little at a time....
 - Who never knew my name
 - Who never knew I'd be there

But they gave anyway!

They gave sacrificially and poured into a place....

- That benefiting me...
- To be trained to go do ministry...
- FOR the next generation...

And I'll be honest with you...

- I walked away from that thinking about all those people who planted seeds for me.
- But then I had to ask myself a hard question.
- ***What am I planting?***
 - ***Because it is a whole lot easier to be grateful for somebody else's harvest...***
 - ***Than it is to put a seed in the ground that I will never eat from.***

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And that's **EXACTLY** what our text is dealing with this morning... Because Paul is going to tell us there is a law God built into this world...

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You reap what you sow...

And that law doesn't just show up in a pecan tree...

IT SHOWS UP IN YOUR LIFE!

In fact, our BIG IDEA FOR TODAY IS THIS:

Big Idea

Keep Sowing Good, Because The Harvest Is Coming.

Transition

So, if you have your Bibles, take them out and turn to the book of ***Galatians***, and we're going to be in ***Chapter 6, vs. 6-10*** today.

Let's start reading in vs. 6

I. Share With The One Who Teaches You (Galatians 6:6)

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

Now, I want to be honest with you this morning.

I didn't want to preach this verse...

It's a hard verse for me to preach....

Because that verse...it's about taking care of the preacher...

- And it's easy for me to talk about taking care of others....
- But if I'm just being honest with you this morning...***IT'S AWKWARD for me to stand up here and preach on this verse....***

But here at Harvey, we don't skip verses just because they're uncomfortable....even when they make the preacher feel uncomfortable.

If it's in the book, we walk straight through it.

A. The Word Has To Be Taught (6:6a)

So look at the first half of this verse.

Paul says: "***Let the one who is TAUGHT***" ***The Word...share ALL GOOD THINGS with the one who TEACHES***"

AND in the verse...Paul is making an assumption...

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- He assumes that there is somebody doing the teaching.
- AND He assumes that there is a church being **grounded** in the Word of God.

And remember WHO Paul is writing to.

- He's writing to a church that got misled and messed up by false teachers.

So as we come to the end of this letter...

Paul is saying: ***You be sure that you take GOOD CARE of the people who teach you THE GOOD TRUTH.***

- Not the ones adding to the gospel.
- But the ones who are faithfully teaching you the Word of God.

B. The Teacher Has To Eat (6:6b)

So Paul tells them...

- Hey, if someone is faithfully grounding you in THE WORD of GOD...
- You then...share **ALL GOOD THINGS** with them."

Now...you may be saying...what are ALL GOOD THINGS???

Put simply...

- It's the ordinary stuff a person and his family needs to live on.
 - Groceries...
 - A house...
 - Utilities...

It's not elaborance...its what somebody needs to survive....

I'll occasionally get asked by people when they find out that I am a full-time Pastor...like why does your church pay you to do that full-time?

- Why not just have a full-time job and then Pastor on the side...

And I have friends who do that...they're bi-vocational Pastors...just like my Great-Grandfather was...

- AND oftentimes that's is a necessity...because the churches they pastor can't support a full-time Pastor

And those guys are heroes...

- But it's hard on them
- And it's really hard on their families...

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- Because there is no such thing as Part-Time Pastoring....
AND the reality is...it can often burn men out pretty quickly...and can burn their families out too....

Martin Luther said this:

It's impossible for one man to labor day and night just to get a living, and at the same time give himself to the study of Scripture in the way the preaching office requires.

And here at Harvey...God has blessed this church in a way...that WE are able to support 3 full-time Pastors

- So that we can devote our full work to the ministry of the church.

And I also want to point out that while **there are some pastors...**if you want to call them that...who use the platform for their profit....

- **A MAJORITY OF PASTORS ARE NOT WEALTHY...**
- **THEY'RE SIMPLY FEEDING THEIR FAMILIES...**
- **THEY'RE SUPPLIED WITH THE ORDINARY STUFF A FAMILY NEEDS TO LIVE ON...**

So Paul is saying...**VOLUNTARILY share ALL GOOD THINGS** with the one who teaches you.

And CHURCH, I want to thank you...you do an amazing job at this!

- I can't tell you how many times our family has gone out to eat...only to find out that our meal has been paid for...
- It seems like every single week when I get done preaching and go in my office...**it looks like a farmers market happened in there...**
 - squash...okra...tomatoes...eggs...
- Like...you care for your pastors and staff well!
- And I want to thank you for this!

And I know this is not the case in every church...

- So I do want to thank you deeply for sharing all good things with us so we can provide for our families' needs and fulfill God's calling in our lives...

C. This Isn't Payment...It's Partnership (6:6c)

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But I also want you to notice that what Paul is talking about here... when **HE SAYS SHARE all good things...**

- **That** this word **SHARE** makes it clear this is not a payment for someone who is doing a “**job**”...
- THIS IS supporting someone in a **partnership** in the Gospel ministry.

Like

- **I am called to SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**
- **AND you are called to SHARE all good things...**
 - **It's a partnership**

And **John Stott** had two warnings in this partnership...

First, A Warning For The Pastor and Staff

To not be tempted towards laziness...

I've heard it said that the ministry is an easy place to “**HIDE OUT**” and to also “**BURN OUT**”....

- Either way...nobody will know...for a while.
- But they will eventually

So yes...a minister should **WORK HARD** with all his might...

- But he also better be on guard from making his ministry his idol and mistress...

Second, A Warning For The Congregation

That in this partnership, remember....

- You are giving your money to God
- And while some of it goes to the minister...
- Don't fall into the temptation of trying to control the minister... holding money over their heads...

Stott said this:

Some congregations exercise a positive tyranny over their pastor and almost blackmail him into preaching what they want to hear.

They pay the piper, they say; so they must be allowed to call the tune. And if the minister has a wife and family to support, he is tempted to give way.

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Unfortunately, I have heard of this occurring in several churches...

- Where if people in the congregation are not happy with the message, the music, or the air conditioning, they go to the Pastor and say... **"Remember who pays your salary"**...
- **Well, first of all...no ONE PERSON** pays the salary of the Pastor...it's the congregation as a **WHOLE**
- **And second of all...**when you give, you give that money away for God's church to use...
- Like Yes...hold the Pastor accountable to preaching The Word of God...
- But don't use money as a leverage for The Pastor to not preach on parts of The Word of God that offends you...

This means:

God has called **me** to **PROCLAIM HIM**...

- When you like it, **I PROCLAIM HIM!**...
- When you don't like it, **I PROCLAIM HIM!**

That means: I don't preach a message just because it's going to make you **"GIVE MORE"** or **MAKE MY LIFE EASIER**....

This means: My calling is to remind you of **ALL GOOD THINGS... which is JESUS CHRIST**...to the very best of my ability and effort... every single week....whether you want to hear it or not....or whether I want to preach it or not...

And your role is to **SHARE ALL GOOD THINGS**...with the one who teaches you faithfully...

But let me show you one more thing from this text...

- Paul just said...your calling is to give **ALL GOOD THINGS**...
- But you know what Paul did?
- **HE GAVE IT AWAY...**

Paul had every right to be supported...

- Jesus Himself had commanded that those who preach The Gospel should get their living from support...like we see that in **Luke 10:7**
- **However, Paul didn't take it...**
 - **He made tents instead...**

Why?

Paul said in **1 Corinthians 9:12**

"We don't want to put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Jesus Christ".

See, Paul....

- Didn't have a choice, whether he preached or not....**HE WAS CALLED BY GOD**
- But he did have a choice, whether he got paid for it...
- Paul didn't have a family to support so it was just him...

In the same way...

I want you to know my heart...

Like if this ***ever became a burden on this church...***

- My calling has not changed....
- I'm still preaching...
- I would just have to find another way to support my family....

But also notice:

THE VERY THING PAUL GAVE UP FOR HIMSELF...HE FOUGHT FOR ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE.

AND that is the heart of the whole verse....

- It's not about a paycheck....
- ***It's about making sure the Word of God keeps getting preached....***

So when you share ***ALL GOOD THINGS....***

- You're not paying a salary
- You're keeping a Bible open...

In fact, today, Kendall is at the sending celebration for ***LAKE TRAIL BAPTIST CHURCH...a new church plant in Cleburne...representing YOU....***

- Because God has been so gracious to this church...through those who are supporting this church...
- That we are able to not only ***KEEP THE BIBLE OPEN HERE***

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- But in **A VERY REAL WAY** we are able to allow a **BIBLE TO BE OPENED TO BE PREACHED...at a new church in Cleburne where there is presently no Southern Baptist Church on that side of town.**
- Further...you're keeping **THE BIBLE OPEN** on the mission field as we send money to the International Mission Board...who sends out 3600 missionaries all over the world
- Further...when you give, a portion of your giving goes to **SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARIES....keeping The Bible open FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS...for people you may never know**

THAT IS WHAT GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP LOOKS LIKE!

Let's keep reading in **vs. 7-8**

II. Don't Be Deceived, You Reap What You Sow (Galatians 6:7-8)

7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

8 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.

A. God Will Not Be Sneered At (6:7a)

- Paul just told us to share with the one who teaches you...
- And then immediately...
- He says...**DON'T BE DECEIVED...**

WHY?

Because Paul knows...when humans hear a verse. like **vs. 6...**

- We hear it
- We nod in agreement
- We say Amen
- But then we walk out and don't do anything about it...

So Paul says...Don't BE FOOLED...

- What God has put in your hands is not a small thing...
- It's a SEED...and it's going to grow....

So...**WAKE UP! DON'T BE FOOLED...**

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Because God IS NOT MOCKED!

- Don't turn your nose up at Him....like what He's saying doesn't matter....

People do every day....don't they?

- They hear God's Word and just ignore it....
- They know what God says....but they do the opposite
- They live however they want to...regardless of what God's Word has said....

But Paul says....***DON'T BE DECEIVED...GOD'S NOT MOCKED...***

B. The Law Of The Harvest (6:7b)

And here's why...

Becasue...***WHATEVER ONE SOWS...THEY WILL ALSO REAP....***

We get this....

- Like if you plant corn...you're gonna get corn
- If you plant wheat...you're going to get wheat....

And here's Paul's Point:

GOD DIDN'T JUST BUILD THAT LAW INTO THE CROPS....GOD BUILT IT INTO OUR LIVES....

- The Same God who made it so that seed produces its own kind
- Made it so that a life produces after its own kind....

In other words, in our lives...

*****We GET what we PLANT*****

C. Two Fields, Two Harvests (6:8)

See Paul started with ***ONE THING...***

- ***in vs. 6***...sharing what God gave you, with the one who teaches you.
- ***AND NOW*** Paul takes that principle and ***STRETCHES IT OUT OVER OUR WHOLE LIVES!***

Because **Verse 6** was just the first field....

But we see in **vs. 8**, there's two fields that we can plant our seeds in....

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- ***We can plant in the field of The FLESH...and our HARVEST IS GONNA BE CORRUPTION...***
- ***OR We can plant in the field of THE SPIRIT...and our HARVEST IS GONNA BE ETERNAL LIFE...***

Remember back in **Chapter 5...** Paul talked about the war going on in each of our lives between the flesh and the Spirit?

- That we each have an internal battle going on in our lives every single day?
 - Are we going to walk in the flesh...
 - Or are we going to walk in the Spirit?....

Now Paul describes that same thing as **TWO FIELDS....**

And what Paul is saying, every single day...you gotta choose where you're gonna plant your crops....

- ***IN THE FLESH***
- Or ***IN THE SPIRIT***

What does it look like to plant our crops in the flesh?...

- It looks like....day by day... one seed at a time...
- Spending to satisfying our sinful selves...
- It looks like: ***NOT pursuing personal holiness...***
- It looks like holding on to a grudge....
- It looks like lingering a little too long on an ad that pops up that you know you shouldn't be looking at....
- It looks like spending time with people you know will keep you from walking in obedience....

Like...None of that looks like a whole lot....

- But it's a seed....

John Stott said this:

Some Christians sow to the flesh every day and wonder why they do not reap holiness.

Holiness is a harvest; whether we reap it or not depends almost entirely on what and where we sow.

HEY I've said it before, and I'll say it again....

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- I believe one of the greatest struggles in the American Church today **is our passiveness towards pursuing personal holiness...**
And this passage calls it out clearly....

SO, what does it look like to plant our crops in The Spirit?....

- Put simply...it's **when we are pursuing personal holiness...**
- Seeking to glorify God in everything we do rather than ourselves....

In the same way, it's not some dramatic thing...

- **it's not the big walk down the aisle...**
- **It's not a big emotional moment...**
 - It's day by day...one seed at a time...consistently...
 - Deciding that you're going to forgive...even though you're still hurt...
 - It's calling that brother or sister that God put on your mind... instead of doomscrolling...just to check on them and pray with them....
 - It looks like sitting under God's Word proclaimed every single week...even when you'd rather be anywhere else....

Like...**It doesn't look like much....**

- But it looks like consistency....
- It's a consistent planting of a seed...one by one...over and over and over...

Because here's what this text is saying....

- **Harvest Day Is Coming!**
- **And each one of us are gonna Harvest...what it is we planted...**

But what do we do with the ending of this verse...

"but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

Like when hear this...and our minds may think...**this is telling me that I have to EARN my way to Heaven by doing good...**

But that's why we preach through a WHOLE BOOK at a time....

- If you quote this one verse...
- That's surely what it sounds like....

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But in this **SAME LETTER** Paul has said...

- **Galatians 2:16** - “yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ....because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

Over and over we have seen Paul say we **ARE NOT** saved by any work of our own....

So what is Paul saying here???

- I believe Paul is saying...
- **“Obedience is the evidence of our salvation”...**
- **However...our obedience is never the basis for our salvation**

See, our good works are **NOT THE ROOT...THEY'RE THE FRUIT!**
Our Good Works....are not the payment; they're the proof of our salvation!

See, when we are walking with **THE HOLY SPIRIT**...we get to planting in the field of the Holy Spirit...

- Not to get us saved....
- **But because we already are saved....**

SO WHAT FIELD ARE YOU PLANTING IN....DAY BY DAY...SEED BY SEED?

- Are you Satisfying your sinful self
- Or are you pursuing The Holiness of God?

Let's keep reading as we finish our text today in **vs. 9-10**

III. Don't Grow Weary, Harvest Day Is Coming! **(Galatians 6:9-10)**

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A. Doing Good Will Wear You Out (6:9a)

Vs. 9 now says...**DON'T GROW WEARY...OF DOING GOOD!**

I want you to notice...

- It doesn't say...***IF you get weary....***
- The assumption is ***ALL OF US WILL GET WEARY OF DOING GOOD...***

Because the truth is...

- ***DOING GOOD GETS TIRING....***

You know this, don't you?

How many of us have thought in our heads:

- Why am I always the one who is showing up
- Why am I always the one cooking the meal, giving the money, sitting with the hurting

And you look around and think...where is everyone else?...

And it gets tiring...

But this text says...***DON'T GROW WEARY!***

Don't get ***DISHEARTENED WITH DOING WHAT IS RIGHT***

Well how do we NOT get weary?

FIRST - FILL YOUR TANK

- If you're not spending time with God...
- If your own soul is dry...
- If you're pouring out and never getting filled up...

Then eventually ***YOU'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT TO POUR.***

You can't lead on empty...you gotta fill your tank...

SECOND - DON'T GET WEARY BECAUSE OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.

You know how it is...

- Sometimes you get around people who are passive about their faith...
- And it causes us to become discouraged.
 - Because you're carrying the load, and they're watching.

And it can cause you to become weary...

But ***Charles Spurgeon*** said:

THE IDLENESS OF OTHERS OUGHT TO BE AN ARGUMENT FOR OUR BEING MORE DILIGENT.

In other words: if the work is suffering because of somebody else...

- Then that's your reason to work twice as hard.

THIRD - DON'T GROW WEARY...BECAUSE NOBODY NOTICED.

- And no one wants to admit this....
 - But we're serving...
 - And nobody thanks us.
 - Nobody even said anything about it...
 - It seems like no one appreciates us...

And this is something we don't say out loud too often....but if we're being honest...it can hit a little close to home, can't it?

Charles Spurgeon said this:

Appreciation — do we expect it in this world?

The Jewish nation despised and rejected their King.

So, if **they** didn't appreciate JESUS...

Then what are we expecting?

B. But The Harvest Is Coming In God's Time (6:9b)

So what do we do?

The end of **vs. 9** says...**IN DUE SEASON...YOU'RE GONNA REAP...**

- See, a lot of us are impatient farmers...
- We want the harvest now....
- We want to sow and reap on the same day!

But that's not how farming works...and that's not how God works either.

But this verse says...**HARVEST DAY IS COMING!**

When I read this verse, I think about living in that small farming town north of McKinney... and there was always the anticipation of Harvest Day coming....

- Like they had planted the seeds...
- They had watered the soil...
- They had sprayed for bugs...

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- And there was this anticipation of when they started seeing the crop come up, of the day that they would reap their reward....

In the same way....

- we sow...
- and we wait patiently with anticipation....
- Cause Harvest day is coming!

But also notice the condition....

“IF” WE DO NOT GIVE UP!

One person I was reading this week...

Saw this imagery as a man who was in a boat...and he's rowing....

- And when you stop rowing and take your oars out of the water...
- The boat keeps gliding through the water...for a moment....
- ALL feels fine...but you're actually slowing down...because of the current...
- And if you don't start rowing again...you're going to stop....and then you'll start going backwards

Christians:

- ***We are called to keep doing good!***
- ***Don't do good for a moment...and pull your oars out of the water and start coasting....***

BECAUSE CHRISTIANS WHO COAST...LOSE THEIR MOMENTUM...AND QUITE POSSIBLY...CAN START GETTING DRAGGED BACKWARDS BY THE CURRENT...

SO LET'S KEEP GOING...

LET'S KEEP SOWING SEEDS IN THE SPIRIT!

C. So Do Good To Everyone, Especially Believers (6:10)

Then we see in **vs. 10**, that we are told that as we have opportunity... let us do good to everyone...especially those who are in the church...

AND I want you to notice...this text first says: “AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY”....

- This isn't “if it's convenient”...
- This isn't “if you happen to get a chance to”...
- It means ***PRESENTLY...WHILE YOU'RE STILL ON EARTH...***

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Someone said: “Reaping is for the life to come. This lifetime is for sowing.”

There IS a day coming when our sowing days are over....

- It's when we get to Heaven....

SO RIGHT NOW...WHILE WE'VE GOT OPPORTUNITY...LET US BE ABOUT DOING GOOD!

And notice...who we are to do good to...EVERYONE...

This is one of the things that should make Christians different than those around us...

- We don't just do good to our own...
- But we do good to ***EVERYONE***...
- Whether we like them or not....

This goes back to the second greatest command, “***Love your neighbor as yourself***”...

- Who is your neighbor? ***EVERYONE***.

But then Paul also says....

- We are ***ESPECIALLY TO DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE CHRISTIANS!***

Because if we won't love each other.....

- Why in the world would anyone believe us, when we say that God loves them?

So what we've seen today in God's Word is:

- ***Plant your good seeds in The Spirit...***
 - With those who teach you The Word
 - With all Christians
 - And with ***EVERYONE!***

Transition

That's what God's Word says and means today.

Now let's look at a few practical ways we can put this in practice.

Applications

1. We Should Support The Ministries of The Church Through Giving

Now, I know what you're thinking: here goes the preacher talking about money...

But I want you to hear me say this....

- I've been here 3 years now...
- And in three years of preaching,
- I've **NEVER** once preached on giving...
- Not once.

And that's not an accident...

- It's because we make a practice of preaching the text...
- And until today...the text has never said anything about giving

But today...the text says something about supporting the ministries of the church...and so I want to faithfully apply the text.

And here's the thing...

The finances of this church in the past 3 years...

- To my knowledge...are the best they have ever been in this church's history...like since 1904...
- So I'm not preaching this because the church "**wants your money**"...
- I'm preaching this because this is how God's Word tells us to practice obedience...

And this is what this looks like practically....

Vs. 6 of our text today said...share **ALL GOOD THINGS** with the one who teaches you.

And I want to be clear about what this means here at Harvey...

- Every December, the members of this church...vote to approve a budget...

And that budget

- keeps the lights on and the air running
- It funds our kids, students, and college ministries...

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- It sends money out to missionaries and church plants
- And yes, part of it pays the salaries of your pastors and staff...
- And that budget is supported...solely by the church...

But I also want you to notice....

- This church has been here since 1904...
 - This building...
 - This land...
 - The chairs you're sitting in...
- Every single thing...we're benefiting from now...was because **someone** shared all good things...
- So that today, **YOU** could hear God's Word...

So when you give to the ministries of this church...

- It's you investing in God's Word being preached today...
- **BUT ALSO** it's you investing in God's Word being preached for The Next Generation...

HEY, maybe you're here today, and you have never begun giving to the church....

- Maybe because you've seen money not handled well in other churches
- Or maybe it's just never been a part of how you follow Jesus
- But God's Word tells us to give here....

Maybe you're like...I don't know how much to give...or I don't have much to give...

Here's the thing...

- God's Word **HERE** doesn't give a number...
- Other places in God's Word we see an encouragement of generosity...
- **And here's the way I've put it before in announcements:**
 - Some of us can give a lot,
 - some of us can give a little,
 - but we can all give something that means a lot to us....

WHY?

Because it grows our heart in obedience.

- To support the ministry being done here

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- And to invest in future ministry for the next generations that will be done here.

See **vs. 6** is not a suggestion for only the wealthy...

- It's a command for the ones who have been taught....
- So if you sit under God's Word...it's talking about you...

Maybe you're here today, and you HAVE BEEN GIVING FAITHFULLY.

- First, of all...thank you...
- Thank you for being so generous....
- But I also want to point out...
 - You're not just paying the bills...
 - Like we saw in **vs. 7** you are planting a seed...
- And you may never get to **SEE THE HARVEST**...
 - You may never meet a single person who comes to faith because of the investment you made in that church in Cleburne,
 - Or who came to faith because of the missionaries we supported
 - Or who came to faith in our student ministry...
- You may never see the harvest...until Heaven....

But just like that pecan tree...that someone planted...

- God takes our seeds...
- And He multiplies them in ways we may never be able to imagine...
- To keep feeding souls...with the Word of God...for generations to come...

So I would invite all of us...

- whether it's a little...
- whether it's a lot...
- and recognizing that it's **all** a lot from the one who is giving...
- **TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF THIS CHURCH THROUGH FAITHFUL GIVING!**

2. Don't Quit Rowing

Now if you're in this room and you're tired of doing good...or if you've ever been tired of doing good...

- Like You're the one who's been teaching the class...when it seems like no one else will.

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- You're the one setting up, cleaning up, and carrying someone else's burden...all the time....

And maybe you've thought... ***"I don't know how much longer I can keep doing this"***.

I just want to let God's Word speak to you this morning...

- "Don't get weary" ...
- Don't Give Up!
- And Don't quit rowing!

Remember that illustration from earlier...

- A lot of times when you quit rowing...
- it doesn't look like you're stopping,
- But that current is already working against you...
- and if you stop rowing for too long...
- you're gonna end up going backwards....

That's a lot of what giving up and quitting looks like in The Christian Life...

- It looks like saying we're gonna take a break...
- We're gonna let someone else do the rowing for a while...
- But oftentimes what ends up suffering...is our walk....

We get out of shape as Christians...

- We don't **HAVE** to be at church on Sunday...
- so we quit coming...
- And then we grow used to not rowing the boat at all....
- And then we begin to drift away from faithfulness...

So here's the warning I want to give us all from the text...

- Don't grow weary of doing good...
- Not because the church can't make it without you
- Not because God can't make it without you...

But because that constant rowing...is you working out your spiritual body...

- Growing in personal holiness....
- So on harvest day we give God the most glory!

3. The Good Christ Did For Us

We've spent this whole morning talking about doing good.

- Sowing good seed.
- Not growing weary of doing good.

But I don't want you to ever hear all of that...and walk out of here and think...***I've just gotta try harder...***

Because none of us can be perfectly good...

BUT THERE HAS BEEN ONE PERSON WHO WAS PERFECTLY GOOD...FOR US

See this is the truth:

God is Holy. In the beginning, God created all things, and He alone is perfect.

Humans are Sinful. Yet all the way back with Adam and Eve, humans have sinned..and ALL OF US HAVE fallen short of the glory of God. We've all sinned.

This creates a problem, because our sin separates us from a good and perfect God, in this life and the next. And we are deserving of the full weight of God's Wrath!

We've all sown to the flesh...and the harvest is eternal separation from a Holy God...

Jesus is the answer, But God who is rich in mercy...did not leave us without a Redeemer. God loved us so much that He sent us His only Son, Jesus Christ, who came to Earth as a baby.

He was and IS fully God and fully man.

And Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life here on Earth, yet He ***willingly went to the cross*** and ***really died*** for your sins and my sins. Three days later, He ***really rose from the grave***, defeating sin and death!

He reaped ***OUR CORRUPTION...SO WE COULD REAP HIS ETERNAL LIFE!***

THIS MEANS That Today, we don't have to remain separated from God, but we can have a ***Redeemer*** named Jesus Christ!

If we turn from our sins, confess Jesus Christ as ***BOTH LORD AND SAVIOR***, and follow Him in faith, then we can and will be saved from our sin that separates us from God.

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SO THIS MORNING...

Maybe you've spent your whole life trying to do enough good...

- To outweigh the bad.
- To earn something from God.

The Bible says: Jesus Christ ALONE IS ENOUGH TO SAVE!

- Not because of anything you HAVE DONE....
- But because of the all-sufficient merit of Jesus Christ.

So my question for you this morning is simply this:

- Do you trust that Jesus can do what we can never do?
 - That He was perfectly GOOD FOR YOU!?

If you are not a follower of Jesus Christ this morning, would you trust Him today?

TODAY: Would you turn from your sin...

- Confess Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior...
- And believe that He is WHO HE SAYS HE IS!

Don't leave this room the way you walked in.

- Grab any member of this church...this week...any time...
- And we would LOVE to show you what it means to stop working for a harvest and start receiving one.

Big Idea

Keep Sowing Good, Because The Harvest Is Coming.

Church, I Love You.

Let's Pray.