

KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT: SOWING AND REAPING

(Galatians 6.6-10)

Central Idea: *There is a great harvest for those who sow to please the Spirit.*

Review:

Keep in step with the Spirit (5.25) ...

by unselfishly serving others (5.26-6.5) ...

- by restoring a fellow believer caught in sin
- by bearing one another's burdens
- by carrying your own load

I. The Principle of the Harvest: What One Sows, One Reaps (7-8)

A. General principles

B. Sowing to the flesh or to the Spirit

II. So, Let Us Sow to the Spirit (6, 9-10)

A. The teacher and the taught (6)

B. Doing Good to Others (9-10)

Questions for Personal or Group Consideration

1. If you have enjoyed gardening (or maybe not!), how did you experience the "principle of the harvest" (i.e. what one sows, one reaps)?
2. Discuss the principles Pastor Chuck shared about sowing and reaping. Which ones are particularly meaningful to you? Why?
3. One of the ways we "sow" is to care for Christian leaders. It is God's model for the church to meet the needs of those who serve as pastor-teachers. What attitudes can keep a church family from doing this well?
4. How are you sowing to please the Spirit in your specific set of God-given circumstances? What opportunities has God given to you?
5. Have you been able to "do good" to others, believers or unbelievers, in this pandemic season? Share with your group how God has used you.
6. What kinds of things might cause us to lose heart when ministering to and serving others? How can we keep our focus on reaping a reward?

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