

## Galatians 6: 6-10 Practical Results Of Walking In The Spirit July 7, 2024

The fruit of the Spirit is the end **result** of a time of walking. Fruit comes after the planting in good soil; after the watering; after the sunshine. Planting and harvesting shows a similar picture.

**To walk in the Spirit?** ( Check June 16 and 23)

1. **Lean on your identity in Christ.** II Cor. 5:17
2. **Repent** of trying to produce the fruit of the Spirit with the old nature
3. **Surrender** ( yield, present) yourself to God to walk in the Spirit Romans 12:1-2/ I Peter 5:5-6

Paul will use the analogy of “reaping and sowing” in our text today to show the results of walking in the Spirit.

- A. **6:1-2 Restoring a fallen brother.** Gentleness, a fruit of the Spirit. A legalist cannot do this.
- B. **6:6 Financial support of the teaching elders.**
- C. **Investing and receiving 6:7-8**
- D. **6:9-10 Actively, consistently, doing good to all men; especially to other Christians.**

**Text today: Galatians 6: 6-10 \*\*\*\*\***

**6:5** I Timothy 5:17-18, II Timothy 2:3-6, I Corinthians 9:3-14, II Corinthian 9:6-11

**6:7-9 Planting and sowing.** This verse can be applied generally to a lot of things but the context is the result of patterns of living.

**6: 7 “Do not be deceived”** Greek: planasthe. Our word “planet.” Early astronomers notice that that the planets moved, but the stars did not move. A “wanderer” will not progress in God’s purposes. **Ephesians 4:14-15**

**Problem with living?** Consequences for good or bad come slowly, usually. **Ecc. 8:11-13**

**Ex.** Turbo-prop airplane. Slow response; a delay. I learned a great lesson from that about walking in the Spirit.

**1. So a secular person** is rocking along, and living by his natural endowments may think he is getting away with living for himself, and things will be fine, without God. But then the long trajectory of his life begins to harvest and the emptiness is what remains. God mitigates as long as possible by grace. No excuse.

Ex. My brother. Best jobs, best life, not caring about God. **Romans 2:4**. God holding back as long as possible. But finally the results come! **II Peter 3:9, Matthew 5:45**

**6:7-10 read again**

**2. The person who loves God**, walking in the Spirit, doing good for the right reasons, may not think enough about the delay, and conclude, "Is it really worth it? Maybe I should just give up!"

**Psalms 73**

It is no accident that the metaphor is about sowing and reaping. Why? Because it is a lot of preparation and hard work **BEFORE** you see anything grow and even longer for a harvest. It is slower than almost any other work done on the planet.

Ex. Construction. That 2'x4' I hold in my hands took 30 years to grow.

Ex. Office work. Not just pushing paper around. It take a lot to develop successful patterns to improve.

Ex. Keiff 30 years of prayer

**Our society breeds the allusion that good things come fast and cheap.**

**The only thing that can hinder the spiritual farmer is to "lose heart" and "grow weary."**