



4. The Law of the Harvest

There are natural laws that have been established by God.

Example: gravity. An important law that God has built into the universe is the law of sowing and reaping.

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

- a) You are always sowing.
- b) There are no neutral seeds.

Deut. 30:19-20

***There are two "bags of seeds."**

- 1. Satan's bag of seeds: death (Matt. 13:24)
- 2. God's bag of seeds: life (2 Cor. 9:10)



I. The Law examined

1. You reap _____ you sow.

You always reap the same kind of thing you sowed. It is more of the same.
Job 4:8, Prov. 11:18
The Beatitudes.(Matt. 5:3-10)

2. You reap _____ than you sow.

There is a time lag effect. The harvest is not usually immediate.

3. You reap _____ than what you sow.

This is more than cause and effect: I hit my finger and it causes me pain. This is multiplication. For better or for worse.



David: sowed lust and murder and lying.

(2 Samuel 11)What did he reap?

2 Sam. 12:10 "the sword will never depart..."

II. The Seed You Sow

Sow a thought, reap an _____.

Sow an action, reap a _____.

Sow a habit, reap a _____.

Sow a character, reap a _____.

- 1. Devotion to God or religious superficiality
- 2. Contentment or complaining
- 3. Kindness or meanness
- 4. Honesty or deception
- 5. Purity or sensuality
- 6. The Scriptures or television
- 7. Generosity or covetousness



III. Where's the Grace?

But what if this message is "too late" for you. Already terrible things have been sown. What about God's grace?

1. The grace of _____

- Arbitrariness is used as a torture
- without consistency there would be nothing to learn and no way to improve.

2. It is meant to bear _____ even when the sowing was bad and the reaping worse.

- Humility (Ps.51)
- God is shown to be righteous
- Wisdom

3. He _____ with us for the final harvest (2 Cor.5:20-21)

- God's grace never meant He would change the rules or overlook sin.



Conclusion

Hosea 10:12 Psalm 126:5-6