

The Immutable Law of the Harvest

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Introduction:

- A. Gal. 6:7-8
- B. Jesus taught profound spiritual truths by means of farming parables
 - 1. The parable of the sower represents the Gospel - Matt. 13:1-23
 - 2. The Kingdom is compared to a vine - John 15:1-8
 - a. Or a flock of sheep - John 10:1-16
 - 3. The resurrection is illustrated with sowing seed - 1Cor. 15:36
 - 4. Judgment is compared to separating sheep from goats - Matt. 25:31-46
 - 5. Living in sin is compared to a hog wallow - Luke 15:11-32
 - 6. Apostates are equated with thorns and briars - Heb. 6:4-8
 - 7. Reprobates are associated with dogs & hogs - Matt. 7:6; 2Peter 2:20-22
- C. The immutable law of the harvest teaches that every act has inevitable consequences.
 - 1. Too many folks believe they can meander through life, living however they choose, never to be held accountable for the choices they make.
 - 2. However, inevitably the law of the harvest catches up with them.

I. THE IMMUTABLE LAW OF THE HARVEST

- A. "Immutable - Unchanging over time; unable to be changed; fixed, set, rigid, permanent, established" (Google Dictionary)
 - 1. The infallible rule in the natural realm
 - a. Gen. 1:11-12, 3:17-19, 8:21; Matt. 13:24-30
 - 2. The infallible rule in the spiritual realm - Gal. 6:7-8
 - a. Prov. 22:8-9; 2Cor. 9:6; Hosea 8:3, 7, 10:12-13
 - 3. Three things are certain from the Law of the Harvest:
 - a. You reap only what you have sown - Matt. 13:23
 - b. You reap only when you have sown - 1Cor. 15:36
 - c. You reap more than you have sown - Hosea 8:7

II. ALL OF US ARE SOWING TOWARD THE GREAT HARVEST

- A. We are sowing in the field of family relationships
 - 1. Fathers - Eph. 6:4; Titus 1:6; Col. 3:21
 - 2. Mothers - Titus 2:4-5; 1Tim. 5:9-10
 - 3. Husbands - Eph. 5:25, 28
 - 4. Wives - Eph. 5:24; 1Peter 3:7; Eph. 5:29
 - 5. Children - Eph. 6:1-3; Prov. 3:1-2
- B. We are sowing in the field of community relationships
 - 1. Neighbors - Rom. 12:18; Matt. 5:43-46
 - 2. Friends - Prov. 18:24, 17:9, 17, 25:17
 - 3. Employers/Employees - Eph. 6:5-9; Prov. 29:21
 - 4. Civil Government - Rom. 13:1-2
 - 5. Enemies - Rom. 12:20
- C. We are sowing in the field of spiritual relationships

1. Bible study - Heb. 5:12-14
 2. Overcoming sin - Heb. 12:4-11
 3. Generosity - 2Cor. 9:6-10
 4. Service - Luke 6:38
 5. Worship - Matt. 6:1-18
- D. Do not fool yourselves
1. Some will reap in the present - Psalm 37:1-11; Acts 12:21-23
 2. Everyone will reap in eternity - Psalm 73:17-19; Luke 16:22-23

Conclusion:

- A. There is an immutable spiritual law of the harvest
- B. Every human being is subject to that law
- C. What are you sowing today that you will reap tomorrow?