

SOWING AND REAPING— the Laws of the Harvest!

Galatians 6:7-10

I. BASIC LAWS that have to do with sin and evil:

1. OUR SIN NATURE IS a source of PERPETUAL EVIL:

Jer. 17:9; Isaiah 64:6; Mark 7:21-23

2. IN THIS PRESENT WORLD, the Flesh and the Spirit will always be in CONFLICT:

Galatians 5:15-17

3. BEWARE OF EVEN A LITTLE LEAVEN:

Galatians 5:9; Heb. 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 5:6-7

II. THE HARVEST. The laws of sowing and reaping: Galatians 6:7-10

POSITIVE SOWING: Luke 8: 5-15; John 4: 35-38; Galatians 6: 8

NEGATIVE SOWING: Job 4:8; GALATIANS 6:7-10

III. SEVEN LAWS OF THE HARVEST:

1. LAW # 1 - WE REAP WHAT HAS BEEN SOWN.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF GODLY SOWING:

1 Cor. 7:12-14; 1 Peter 3:1-6; John 3:16

2. LAW # 2 - WE REAP THE SAME KIND AS WE SOW.

3. LAW # 3- WE REAP IN A DIFFERENT SEASON THAN WHEN WE SOW.

Hebrews 6:12, 15; Gal. 6:9

4. LAW # 4 - WE REAP MORE THAN WE SOW: MARK 10: 28-31; 2 Cor. 4:7-18

5. LAW # 5 - WE REAP IN PROPORTION AS WE SOW.

6. LAW # 6 - WE REAP THE FULL HARVEST OF THE GOOD ONLY AS WE PERSEVERE; EVIL COMES TO HARVEST ON ITS OWN.....

Many are the destructive WEEDS:

1. **SCANDAL...malicious gossip**
2. **BACKBITING:** Prov. 25:23; Rom. 1:30; Ps. 15:1-3
3. **SLANDER:** Prov. 10:18; 1 Tim. 3:11; 2 Tim. 3:3; Titus 2:3; Numbers 14:34-37
4. **WHISPERING:** Prov. 16:28
5. **GOSSIP:** Ps. 41:5-9
6. **DISCORD:** Prov. 6:16-19
7. **TALEBEARERS:** Prov. 20:19; Lev. 19:16; Prov.26: 20; Prov. 26:17-22

EARLY METHODIST PROMISED EACH OTHER THIS:

- 1) I will not listen to or willingly inquire after any ill concerning others.
- 2) IF I DO HEAR any ill of another, especially another brother or sister in Christ, I will not be forward to believe it.
- 3) IF I HAVE HEARD any ill of another in the body, **I WILL COMMUNICATE with the person about whom the ill is spoken**, as soon as possible.
- 4) UNTIL I HAVE DONE SO, I will not speak or write a syllable of it to any other person whatsoever.
- 5) IF I HAVE WITNESSED what I believe to be ill or wrong—I **will go in a spirit of humility; I will go directly to that person in accordance with Galatians 6:1 and Matthew 18:15-17**

7. LAW # 7 ---WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT LAST YEAR'S HARVEST....BUT WE CAN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S!!

QUESTION: GOD IS CALLING OUT FOR THOSE WHO WILL

1. TAKE SERIOUS THE LAWS OF THE HARVEST... IN PERSONAL LIFE, FAMILY LIFE AND IN CHURCH LIFE.
2. AND HE IS CALLING FORTH THOSE WHO WILL BUSY THEMSELVES LOSE THEMSELVES IN GOD AND IN HIS HARVEST— **AM I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AVAILABLE FOR GOD TO USE ME??**