

Hurstbourne Baptist Church; August 23, 2020
Sermon Notes: Galatians 6:4-10
Sowing and Reaping

- **Sermon Outline**
 - Several _____ Instructions
 - One Inviolable _____
- **Several Practical Applications**
 - Bear Your Own Burden
 - Bear One Another's Burdens
 - Bear the Financial Burden of Gospel Ministry
- **One Inviolable Principle of Sowing and Reaping**
 - It is a General Truth for _____
 - It is a Specific and Poignant Truth for _____
 - It is a Kind Word of _____
 - It is a Strong Word of _____

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- “These passages are all meant to benefit us ministers. I must say I do not find much pleasure in explaining these verses” (Luther, *Galatians*, 154).
- “I forgot that little action of the common day makes or unmakes character, and therefore what one has done in the secret chamber one has someday to cry aloud on the housetops” (Oscar Wilde, *De Profundis*, 6).
- “What does it mean to sow to the flesh? Every time we allow our mind to harbor a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fancy, wallow in self-pity, we are sowing to the flesh. Every time we linger in bad company, whose insidious influence we know we cannot resist; every time we lie in bed when we ought to be up and praying; every time we read pornographic literature; every time we take a risk that strains our self-control, we are sowing, sowing, sowing to the flesh” (John Stott, *Galatians*, 170).
- “The moral elements of sin constitute a hell of themselves, apart from the material fire. The fruit of sin in time, when arrived at full and finished maturity, is just the fruit of sin through eternity. It is merely the sinner reaping what he has sown” (Charles Bridges, *Proverbs*, 11).
- “When you get your paycheck, do you look to the Spirit for how to turn this money to the advantage for God's kingdom, or do you invest it in the field of the flesh for your own private use? *Sowing to the Spirit means recognizing where the Spirit aims to produce some luscious fruit for the glory of God and dropping the seed of your resources in there.* One of the places where the Spirit has promised to yield 30, 60, 100 fold is in the teaching of God's Word. Therefore, sowing to the Spirit means supporting pastors and teachers and missionaries with your money. There is more riding in that little white envelope on Sunday than you realize.” (Piper, “Do Not Grow Weary in Well-Doing”)
- “The Farm” by Wendell Berry: <https://www.considerthepigeons.com/the-farm-by-wendell-berry>.