



## **PART 21 • YOU GET WHAT YOU SOW • GALATIANS 6:6-10**

The laws of nature are absolute, sow a tomato seed and get tomatoes. What about the Spiritual realm? What does giving in the church today have to do with sowing? These questions and more in this week's message podcast now online!

### **MESSAGE RESPONSE**

- 1) What stood out for you from Sunday's message?
- 2) Was there anything you did not understand? What questions were raised for you?
- 3) How did the Holy Spirit speak to you?

### **GOING DEEPER**

- 1) It used to be that the professions of nursing and teaching, as two examples, were referred to as 'callings.' Similar to the role of pastor in local churches, the idea was that a person chose this role out of love for the people whom they serve. Children and patients. What other professions have or could be seen that way? How could you see your work that way?
- 2) John Stott says in his commentary on Gal. 6:6 that, "Ministers may expect to be supported by their congregations. He sows the good seed of God's Word, and he reaps a livelihood." Why is the idea of sharing all good things, paying our pastors so challenging for some? How could both the teachers and the congregations abuse it? What should be in place to guard against both abuses?
- 3) Reviewing the Scripture references cited below, what were the practices of the early church related to giving and supporting their pastor/teachers? How was it different from the Old Testament?
- 4) What are some practical examples of how we tend to be more generous sowing to our flesh than to the Spirit? What are we hoping to reap? How would the Gospel apply to each example?
- 5) 'Holiness is a harvest; whether we reap it or not depends almost entirely on what and where we sow'. What does it mean to 'sow to the flesh'? In what ways can we 'sow to the Spirit'?
- 6) Are there areas in which you find yourself growing 'weary in well-doing' (6: 9)? What does Paul say to encourage us?
- 7) Share with each other a few examples of seasonal reaping that you have already experienced.

### ***Key Scripture references from last weeks message***

Galatians 6:6-10, Acts 2:42, 44-45, 4:32, 36-37, 1 Cor. 9:13-14, 16:1-2, 1 Timothy 5:17, Matthew 13:23