

Cause and Effect

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Galatians 6:7-8.
- B. Within the orbit of grace our decisions reap their consequences. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- C. We reap what we sew, good or bad.

II. Those who sew iniquity reap the same. (Proverbs 5:22, Proverbs 26:2)

- A. We are not to condemn or judge. (Luke 6:37-38)
- B. The bottom will always drop out if we sew wickedness. (2 Samuel 12:29, Acts 13:22)
- C. We are not to be tricked - God is not made fun of - what the man plants is what he gets.

III. The one keeping God's commandments will reap life. (2 Chronicles 27:6, Ezra 7:10, Proverbs 18:24, John 12:24, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

- A. The man who trusts in the Lord is blessed. (Jeremiah 17:5-6)
- B. We trust in God for our salvation, but when it comes to the affairs of this life we think we need to figure it out.
- C. The man whose hope is the presence of God himself is the one who is blessed.
- D. If you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door to get you. You have to fight against it. (Genesis 4:6-7, Lamentations 3:27)
- E. One of the most helpful things in sewing fruit is Scripture memory because the Bible gives joy and instruction in all things. (Jeremiah 15:16)
- F. To reap spiritually positive things, you must plant spiritually fruitful things.

Application questions

1. Why is it that we can be forgiven by God yet still suffer some consequences for our sins? Explain.

2. What does it look like to keep God's commandments and why is this difficult?

3. Memorize Galatians 6:7-8 and write it below. How can this verse encourage you in your daily walk with God?
