

Cause and Effect

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I. Introduction - Galatians 6:7-8.

A. This text gives us perspective and encouragement - we are not to be deceived because God is not mocked. What we reap is what we sew.

C. We do not reap what we sew in regards to our sin for we would get damnation. Instead we get life, because of the grace of Jesus who has taken the sting of death from us.

II. But we do reap some natural consequences of our sin. Sin makes the Christian a prisoner. (Proverbs 5:22, 26:2)

A. One does not fall into sin - sin is a habit.

B. Jesus is not accepted once as Savior and later as Lord. Conversion is all or nothing.

C. David reaped natural consequences for his sin. (2 Samuel 7:9)

D. God is for us in regard to what we sew. (Proverbs 22:8)

III. One must put his trust in God and His Word.

A. God has given us victory. There is over three hundred verses in the Bible on victory. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

B. We need to know what the Bible says on victory. God talks to us through the Word.

C. All you need for the Christian life is the Bible.

D. If you want a crop for next year you have to plant in regards to spiritual matters.

E. The Lord gives you everything that you give up.

Application questions

1. What are the spiritual consequences that sin reaps?

2. How can one prepare for spiritual success, even in the dry times?

3. What effects both positive and negative have you reaped from good and poor decisions? What changes can you make to decisions you are making today for a more promising future?
