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Monday

Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

The lesson is clear, simple, and easily understandable. The things we say, do, and think all have consequences that form our lives. Your life today is a result of the seeds you have planted, good or not. Your life tomorrow will be a direct result of those seeds, along with the seeds you plant today. Weedy lives come from planting weeds. Weedy relationships grow from planting weeds. Beautiful relationships grow from planting beauty. You certainly get the drift, right? Think of all you do, say, and even allow yourself to think as seeds that determine what grows around you.

Tuesday

Gal. 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Don't give up! To do so is indeed a temptation of the Christian walk. Don't give up! Are we talking about attending church? Yes! Don't give up, for the blessings of consistent worship come to the consistent worshiper, not to the one who comes and goes with the whim of the season. Are we talking about witnessing? Yes! For the blessings of the harvest of souls and the delight of the soul-winner come to the one who continues in sowing. Don't give up! Are we talking about tithing? Yes! For God's promise is to be faithful to the faithful steward. Don't give up! Are we talking about the Christian disciplines of prayer and bible study? Yes! For maturity and growth come to the one with a steady diet. Don't give up! In hope, in good deeds, in missions, in ministry, in faithfulness? Yes! Don't give up!

Wednesday

Gal. 6:8 The one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Some people, even those who purposely sow good seeds, haphazardly scatter bad seeds. They do so as if they think these will not matter, as if somehow they will not germinate. At times the seeds are scattered in places the planter seldom visits, so he/she does not see the devastating weeds left to grow. Sometimes they are scattered in the midst of one's own garden, as if a few wicked seeds will not matter if enough good ones are planted too. But such words, or acts, or even thoughts are spiritual Kudzu! These often grow faster, are more hardy, spread further, and are harder to eradicate than many good seeds planted. Indeed they choke out the good.

Thursday

Gal. 6:6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

The proverb of seed planting (sowing and reaping) clearly stands in a context of stewardship. There is the stewardship directed toward the teacher of the word (6:6) and stewardship directed toward the church at large (6:10). Though some abuse the concept for personal gain, the thoughtful believer cannot miss the connection of sowing and reaping with stewardship and tithing. If there is any doubt, turn to God's word in Malachi 3. "'Test me and try me in this,' says the Lord. 'And bring your tithes into the storehouse.'"

Friday

Mark 14:72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered ...and he began to weep.

With words, a change of a few letters makes all the difference. With God's principle of sowing, a little change moves one from 'sowing and weeping' to 'sowing and reaping.' The reverse is true as well. Measure your life before God. Let the Holy Spirit examine your words, your deeds, and your thoughts. Will you be weeping or reaping? It all depends upon what you are sowing. "Be not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows (woman, too) that shall he reap/weep!"