

Church of Christ

...Heart to Heart...

There is a major spiritual law that cannot and will not be broken by any human. It is true and a powerful influence in the lives of people. It answers the questions of why many live with so much inner discord. It gives us insight as to why so many are unhappy and their lives are just a shell. It also shows us why some have a proper attitude when things go wrong and overcome in the face of trials, rather than being overcome. You might be wondering what this spiritual, powerful law is? “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows this he will also reap.” (Gal. 6:7)

Did you look closely at the first part of the statement? Do not deceive yourself thinking you can follow your feelings and desires, thinking you can outwit God. That’s *impossible!* People who ignore God’s will, His word, or turn up their noses at God, thinking there won’t be consequences in their personal lives are self-deceived persons. You warn brethren not to allow their feelings (flesh) to rule in difficulties. They claim they aren’t, yet the next opportunity that arises for them, out comes hate, bitterness, resentments and so on. God will return to each person what they sow. God put into motion this powerful, spiritual law that won’t be broken.

You sow to you own flesh (desires, feelings) and you will reap corruption in your being (Gal. 6:8). You sow to God and you will reap eternal life. Eternal life is the life of God that is eternal. Our flesh is what produces “*sensuality, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, and factions*” in our lives (Gal. 5:19-21). Our flesh also produces “*love for self, unholy, love for money, irreconcilable, lovers of pleasures, without self-control, and holding to a form of godliness*” (II Tim. 3:2-5). Any one of these “fleshly actions” will cost us within our being and eternally. We will reap the corruption from these actions and attitudes. The reaping will always be greater than what we give out! God will take us another direction into “*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.*” (Gal. 5:22-23) If we submit to God, follow His ways by giving up our fleshliness; we will reap eternal life, the things just listed.

How easy is it to follow your feelings when someone has wronged you? How willing are we to let go of the wrong, embrace God by walking where He wants us to walk? Our reaction will reveal our sowing, and our reaping will begin. Our flesh will become stronger. We either get stronger toward the Lord and His ways or we become more agitated, strained and angered until we blow up and walk completely away from the Lord. Fleshly people can’t be around those who serve the Lord with a whole heart. If they think they will be confronted with God from someone, they will find an excuse to avoid that and begin reaping within them the corruption they have sown to. Think about it!!!