



# Church of Christ

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## Heart to Heart...

You reap what you sow! That is a spiritual principle that will not and cannot be broken. **“For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.”** (Gal. 6:8) What is meant by “flesh?” Your own flesh is your own desires and thoughts that are natural to you. It’s the easiest thing to follow and “*sow*” to. When you sow, you give in to those natural desires, which makes them stronger. As one sows to their flesh, corruption sets in as a harvest. Corruption is where you are brought into an inferior or worse condition. It is a decaying process that gets harder and harder to break. It eats away at you internally, until one day, it takes you down completely.

Take some time and read Gal. 5:19-21 and you will see your flesh in response. The things listed are what our fleshly desires produce and they only get stronger as we give into them. In Gal. 5:22-24, we have the things that the Spirit of God will lead us into. These things are the life of God. As one examines things carefully, you will see why so many have little joy or peace in their lives. Their lives seem to be filled with turmoil and agitation, which is the reaping of their flesh. The reaping of the things of God seem so far away and absent. The longer one sows to their flesh, they get more and more insensitive to what is right and will eventually do what they think is right in their own eyes. Their desires become the drive within them and they only become more corrupt. What’s worse is many defend what they do and practice, thinking they are alright with the Lord. You hear phrases like, “Nobody’s perfect!” or “Nobody understands how I feel!” as the flesh grows in strength and power. At this point, they are reaping what they have sown.

Look at our society. The flesh is in total control because they have no access to the Spirit of God. People glorify sexual immorality. “Forget what God says about marriage, let’s live together!”, is their motto. I can remember when issues of sex were not spoken of in a public way. Today, it’s nothing major. Sitcoms are full of immoral comments, movies portray it as normal and much of the music is centered around it. The flesh has corrupted people and it will continue to corrupt.

For those of us in Christ, we need to move away from our flesh and walk where God wants us to walk. We must give up the things that causes strife and not allow outbursts of anger. Remember, you will reap what you sow. No one will mock God! The greatest danger is to become self deceived. Think about it!!!

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