



## Sow to Please the Spirit

Galatians 6:7-10

### **Sermon Proposition**

Sow to Please the Spirit for three Reasons.

### **Sow to the Spirit because You Reap What You Sow.**

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

## **Sow to the Spirit because the Consequences are Eternal**

*Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

Galatians 6:8 (NIV)

## **Sow to the Spirit because the Harvest is Worth It.**

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

## Open It!

What can frustrate a gardener? What makes gardening worth it?

## Read It!

Read Galatians 6:7-10

## Consider It!

What is the warning against self-deception (6:7)?

What lies do we tell ourselves about our desires to excuse our sin?  
[e.g. "it's a small thing" or "nobody is hurt by it"]

What fleshly desires did Paul observe the behavior of people (5:19-21)?

What fleshly desires do people in our contemporary context live to satisfy?

What harmful consequences (fruits or harvest) result from the following?

- Selfish ambition
- Hatred
- Rage
- Envy
- Greed
- Drunkenness
- Sexual immorality

What are the eternal consequences (5:21; 6:7)?

What would it look like to sow to please the Spirit (6:8)?

What behaviors or deeds would please the Spirit?

- 5:13
- 5:14
- 6:10

What encouragement does God's word give (6:9)?

## Live It!

Pray Psalm 139:23-24.

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Psalm 139:23–24 (NIV)

Identify the lies you tell yourself to support or excuse your sinful behavior.

Acknowledge your sin to God and to a trusted friend who can hold you accountable for ending it.

Practice living to please the Spirit. Ask God to give you eyes to see the needs of others. Watch for an opportunity to serve a neighbor or member of your church family. Follow the prompting of the Spirit. Walk in obedience.