

Law Of Sowing And Reaping

I. **There are certain laws that God has built into the very fabric of the universe and they work whether you believe in them or not.**

A. The law of gravity - The law of lift - The law of sowing and reaping.

1. These laws require no faith to work.

2. Belief in them will enhance your ability to receive the benefits they bring

3. But, disbelief in them will not neutralize the consequences of ignoring them.

B. Non Christians recognize the law of sowing and reaping by other names.

1. What goes around, comes around.

2. If you do the crime, you will do the time.

3. Turn about is fair play.

II Galatians 6:7 - *“Don’t be under any illusion: you can not make a fool of God! A man’s harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows.”* JBP

A. **KJV says “do not be deceived.”**

1. The scripture is warning us that this law is an easy concept to be deceived in.

2. God has built a safeguard against mocking Him into the very fabric of the universe.

B. Agriculturally there are three basic laws of sowing and reaping.

1. First Law - Seeds determine the fruit.

a. You can’t sow apple seeds and expect to reap an orange tree
(Second Hand Lions)

b. When you look back over your life, was what you wanted ever undermined by how you were or what you did?

c. You need to understand that what you want is always seeded by what you are and what you do.

d. The behavior we choose, the actions we take and the words that we speak will be the seeds that will begin to produce crops for the next several years.

- e. **Your behavior, your words, and your actions is the seed bag of your life.**
- f. The Lord has established a law in the universe that won't allow you to receive something different than what you give.

g. All behavior and actions are a boomerang.

- h. The law of sowing and reaping is not limited to your money.

1) Sowing and reaping refers to all of your behavior.

- *"You shall be treated as you have treated others. Your deeds will recoil upon your own head."* Obadiah 1:15 (All behavior is a boomerang)
- ***"However you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law"***
Matthew 7:12

2) People who are in prison and innocent have an especially hard time with this.

- **They are innocent and suffering because of all the times they caused innocent people to suffer.**
- This just doesn't happen to people in prison.
- **Have any of you ever said, "what have I ever done to deserve this?"**

3) All of your behavior will return:

- a) Deception will return - 2 Timothy 3:13**
- b) Judgement will return - Matthew 7:1-3**
- c) Unforgiveness will return - Matthew 6:9**
- d) Blessing will return - Luke 6:31-38**

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults — unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back — given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." The Message - Luke 6:37-38

- h. If you understand this concept then it should modify all of your behavior.

2. Second Law - There is always a waiting period between when you sow and when you reap.

a. This is where deception can come in.

1) You are either deceived to continue in sinful behavior because there are no immediate consequences - Ecclesiastes 8:11

2) Or you are deceived into discontinuing righteous behavior because there are not immediate benefits.

Galatians 6:9 - “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”ESV

b. Give personal testimony

c. Because there is a waiting period, you have a window of opportunity to get a bad seed back.

1) Church soft ball league ump

2) Joined a volley ball league was followed by a policeman from the bar.

3. Third Law - You always reap more than what you sow - 1 bushel of seed yields 30 bushels of grain.

C. There are 3 reasons why people find it hard to sow good seed.

1. Lack of instant results - (We just talked about this aspect)

2. Lack of seed - 2 Corinthians 9:10 - “Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” NASB

3. Lack of favorable conditions - Ecclesiastes 11:4 - “If you wait until the wind and the weather are just right, you will never plant anything and never harvest anything.”TEV

If I could just get people to see that they are in the situation that they are in because of the seed that they had sowed.

If sowing bad seed eventually got you into a bad place then sowing good seed will eventually get you into a good place.

If you don't get weary and give up.