

The Epistle to the Galatians
Lesson #24 • Galatians 6:6-10
“Practical Exhortations”
Part 2 of 2
• HANDOUT •

▶ Now, in Part 2 of Practical Exhortations, Paul changes his focus from the practicality of our Christian walk and how to be led by the Spirit, to the **practical use of money**.

If we think honestly about this, is there anything in our lives and relationships that presses more hot buttons than does the subject of money? Clearly, our attitude toward money reveals the true priorities of our heart.

▶ There will be two unexpected aspects in this study passage:

- **First**, although the scholars all agree these verses are about money, Paul doesn't actually use the word, “money” in the text. At least not in our English translations. [However in Greek these same scholars assure us that Paul is indeed talking about money and the context will support that claim.]

- **Second** is the way Paul approaches the subject. He takes the subject of money far beyond what we normally think about when we think or speak of money.

▶ This study itself will be divided into three distinct sections:

1. The physical and spiritual support required for Teachers in a Christian congregation.

2. How to handle money while living Life in the Spirit without allowing our “flesh” to get involved in the process.

3. Spending money to help others, particularly other Christians.

Galatians 6:6 • Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the Word should **share** all good things with their instructor.

Q: Since the English word “money” is never mentioned, what word in Greek, tells us that this statement is indeed, about money?

Q: How does this teaching regarding financial support fit in with the concept of living Life in the Spirit?

Q: Previously, Paul said he didn't want to be a burden to anyone, thus he publicly stated he would preach the Gospel without pay, but would earn his living as a tent-maker. How does Paul's statement here reconcile with Paul's statements regarding himself?

► **The following scriptures are also from Paul and they reflect the same convictions regarding money which he now expressed to the Galatians:**

• 1 Corinthians 9:14 • In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should receive their living from the Gospel.

• 1 Timothy 5:17-18 • The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

For those who are hesitant to share in all good things with those who teach them, Paul reminds them of God's principle of "sowing and reaping" ...

Galatians 6:7 • Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Q: What does God being mocked have anything to do with the concept of sharing "all good things" with those who teach?

Q: What does it mean, God cannot be mocked?

► The story of Ananias & Sapphira in Acts 5, clearly shows us the heart of God in this regard. The couple wanted to look good among the other believers, so they sold a piece of real estate and presented the proceeds to the church for distribution to the needy. They made it seem like they were giving the full price for what they sold it for, when, in fact, they secretly held back a portion for themselves. Thus they lied to their fellow believers.

Peter was the whistleblower. He made it clear: even though they said the lie to the church, it was really to God that they had lied. In the end, they both dropped dead on the spot, because of the lie.

Q: Regarding Anaias & Sapphira, why would God kill two people just for lying?

Q: What did these two deaths accomplish? (Ref: [Revelation 2:23](#)).

Paul continues by expanding the principles of Sowing & Reaping ...

Galatians 6:8 • 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.

Q: What is the principle that Paul is teaching here?

Q: What are the ultimate consequences of how a man sows?

► This is the same Principle Jesus spoke about in Matthew:

Matthew 6:19-21, 24 • "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Paul encourages us to never give up ...

Galatians 5:9 • Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Q: Note that Paul has changed from the 3rd person “you” to the 1st person plural, “us” in this verse. How does that impact his statement: “do not become weary in doing good?”

Q: What are the three greatest obstacles we often face when striving to sow righteously for the Kingdom?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Q: Paul says in the “proper time” we will reap the harvest. What is the “proper time?”

Galatians 6:10 • Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Q: Who is Paul referring to when he says: “the family of believers?”

Q: What is significant about Paul saying “as we have opportunity to do good?”



Next Time • Lesson #25

We will conclude the Study of Galatians with

~~ Paul's Concluding Remarks ~~

Galatians 6:11-18

