

*"Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **For He That Soweth** to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting."*
Galatians 6:6-8 KJV



If you sow wheat, you don't reap corn. Sow sparingly; reap sparingly. Sow abundantly; reap abundantly. Sowing determines harvest. Spiritual leaders should reap physical reparations from those they instruct. In the early Church there was strife about the care of widows. It is the Church's responsibility to minister to those who need material assistance, not the pastor. The Apostles made it plain. *"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring...because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then they...said, 'It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables (provide material aid). Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.'"* Make sure God's minister and his family are not in the poor house. He labors for your eternal good. If he is truly God's minister, he will not live in a mansion while the flock struggles! Spare the money; spoil the ministry. Sow to bodily desires and reap what the flesh can give, death and corruption. Trust and obey God's Word and your harvest will be Eternal Life. Your flesh is *"carnal, sold under sin"* and will never desire righteousness. God's Word must be embedded through study and meditation in your mind. Christ set the mark when tempted by Satan; His consistent reply; *"It is written."* Just because you can, doesn't mean you should. The Apostle Paul said, *"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."* Until we get to Heaven we must hourly overcome. We overcome through obedience to God's Word. Paul said: *"I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound. I can do ALL things THROUGH CHRIST which strengtheneth me."* Which means; you CAN choose to obey Christ or you CAN choose to obey self. When the Israelites were spying on Canaan, ten of the spies saw giants. *"And we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."* But Joshua and Caleb trusted God. *"The land...is an exceeding good land. If the LORD delight in us, then He will bring us into this land...Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye."* God promised; they did not believe. They forgot the miracles of the parting of the Red Sea and manna they had witnessed. All they saw were the giants. God's answer to the fearful; *"Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all...which have murmured against me."* Fear is unbelief. Sow obedience; reap providence. *"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (obey) and all these things shall be added unto you."* Sow fear; reap defeat. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* Believer, it's God's Word on which you depend.

The harvest is sure; you will reap what you sow,
Even though often, we wish it weren't so,
God's Word reminds us to trust and obey,
To find Heaven's bliss there's no other way. -CGP

Don't be afraid of the giants. God is bigger than them all! How will you sow? What will you harvest?

"For to be carnally (lust) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is Life and Peace. Because the carnal mind (bodily desire) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in (obeying) the flesh CANNOT please God." Romans 8:6-8 KJV