



Sunday Morning, December 27, 2020 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Fixing Problems at Home

Message Text: Galatians 6:7-9

Introduction:

We live in the age of instant everything. Because of this, we tend to expect there to be instant fixes for the problems of our lives and relationships. God gives us an agricultural illustration to help us see that the choice we make today, good or bad, result in the consequence we will experience in the future. Fixing problems in our lives and relationships will not be instant, but if we begin today, we can see them fixed by God's grace.

1. Our Potential to be _____ (7)

DEFINITION—DECEIVED: misguided

***Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

A. God is never _____ (7a)

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked...

DEFINITION—MOCKED: to treat with contempt; to turn the nose up at; to ridicule; to sneer

QUOTE: Too often we deliberately sow our "wild oats" and pray for a crop failure. — Unknown

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B. God's Laws are never _____ (7b)

Galatians 6:7 ...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

*NOTE — Sin does have pleasure...for a season.
(Hebrews 11:25)*

Anytime we stray away from God's Word, the Spirit's prompting and His body, we increase our chances of living misguided lives.

2. Our Harvest is a _____ (8)

DEFINITION—SOWETH: planting seeds; cultivate

DEFINITION—REAP: to acquire as a result; to harvest

NOTE — We reap in a moment of time what has been sown through a way of life.

A. A _____ Harvest (8a)

Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption...

THE SEEDS (WORKS) OF THE FLESH

Galatians 5:19–21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

THE FRUIT OF THE FLESH — _____

DEFINITION—CORRUPTION: destruction, ruin, deterioration

2 Samuel 12:10 *Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.*



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B. A _____ Harvest (8b)

Galatians 6:8b ...but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting

THE SPIRITUAL SEED

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Walk in the Spirit — living your life under the control of the Holy Spirit of God.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22–23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

QUOTE: The one who sows with a view to the Spirit, that is, the one who chooses his courses of conduct with a view to fulfilling the wishes of the Holy Spirit, is the Christian who reaps the blessings of the eternal life which God has given him. —Wuest

3. Our Commitment is _____ (9)

A. Keep _____ Spiritual Seeds (9a)

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing...

Well doing — living your life under the control of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

DEFINITION—WEARY: disheartened; discouraged

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing

B. _____ a Spiritual Harvest (9b)

Galatians 6:9b ...for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Due season — in the course of time

QUOTE: It takes time to grow a spiritual harvest. —Weirsbe

DEFINITION—FAINT: to be exhausted

NOTE — Satan loves to get us to believe that sowing for and then waiting on a spiritual harvest is not worth the effort.

Conclusion

Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground: For it is time to seek the Lord, Till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Joel 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, The cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you.

Questions to Consider

Is there a particular issue or relationship I would like to be different in the future?

What seeds am I planting now that will result in the difference that I desire?

Have I become faint in sowing for a spiritual harvest that would allow me to experience the blessings of God?

What is one spiritual seed I can plant today?

