

Do you agree? Have you seen these principles at work in the lives of people or groups in the news? People around you? Yourself?

3. Apply the principle of sowing and reaping to the following situations and discuss:

A. You've lost that "loving" feeling." A wayward husband explains that he has begun an affair because he is not "in love" with his wife. He says that he has tried to love his wife and even asked God to restore those feelings. Did God fail him?

B. A man was told at his annual check up that he was becoming dangerously obese and would face an early grave if he didn't lose weight. He prayed this prayer to God:

"Dear God, please help me to lose weight. Take away my desire to eat so much. Take away my love for food. Help me to not want to eat ice cream all the time. Amen"

At his next checkup, he weighed even more. He told his doctor that he prayed and asked God to help him, but God never took away his appetite. Did God fail him? How should he apply the sowing and reaping principle in this area of his life?

C. There is someone in your life that you dislike for whatever reason. You may feel anger, jealousy, hurt, bitterness or irritation when you think of this person. Knowing what God expects of believers in their conduct towards others, how can you apply the sowing and reaping principle to this situation?

THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF SOWING & REAPING

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith

1. You reap WHAT you sow.

Galatians 6:7—Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

This biblical law has been described in several ways:

What goes around comes around.

What goes up..... must come down.

For every action.... there is an equal and opposite reaction.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (the Golden Rule).

2. You reap the SAME as you sow.

Galatians 6:8— For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

“You sow seed and reap fruit.”

Watermelon seeds will produce watermelons, not tomatoes. What you sow, you will reap after its own kind, especially in the spiritual sense:

- A. If you sow to the flesh, you will reap **CORRUPTION**.
- B. If you sow to the Spirit, you will reap **ETERNAL LIFE**.

3. You will reap MORE than you sow.

Just one seed has the potential to produce an abundance of fruit. In the same way, acts of unselfishness and virtue set in motion Kingdom principles which cannot be explained:

Malachi 3:10—“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”

Matthew 10:42—And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.

4. You will reap AFTER you sow.

Galatians 6:9—And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Pole bean seeds65 days
Tomato seeds 73 days
Watermelon seeds78 days
Pumpkin seeds 110 days
Acorn20-50 years before an oak tree can produce acorns!

QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS

The Universal Law of Sowing & Reaping

1. Read Galatians 6:6-10 out loud in your group. Discuss what this passage means to you.
2. Read the following quotes out loud in your group. Each quote directly relates to the sowing and reaping principle.

“Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” —attributed to Albert Einstein

“If you keep on doing what you’ve always done, you’ll keep on getting what you’ve always got.” —W. L. Bateman