

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 24, 2008

Principles of Spiritual Reward
Galatians 6:6-10
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1. The Practice of Sharing Goods (6:6)

a. The principle of responsibility

We ought to share with capable teachers.

Share comes from the word for “fellowship.”

Just as true Christian fellowship shares with those in need, it also shares with those who teach.

b. The principle of reciprocity

- New Testament giving is not a taxation system
- New Testament giving is not a billing system
- New Testament giving is not a get-rich-quick system
- New Testament giving is a heartfelt desire for participation in the Lord’s work (2 Corinthians 9:7).

This sharing is done through our church’s general fund.

2. The Promise of Sowing Good (6:7-8)

a. The principle of preparation

b. The principle of proportion

c. The principle of production

3. The Problem of Sustaining Good (6:9)

a. The principle of perseverance

The active verb “lose heart” occurs when we give in to the temptation to disbelieve the effort is worth the end (1 Corinthians 15:58).

The passive verb “grow weary” occurs after we have lost heart and thus lack the strength to continue.

If we do not choose to withstand the temptation to lose heart, we will grow weary and lose out on the spiritual reward.

b. The principle of patience

There is a time for spiritual reaping but that time is in the future (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

4. The Priority of Selecting the Good (6:10)

a. The principle of the opportune moment

Our opportunity to do good is present but that opportunity will soon pass.

b. The principle of the opportune ministry

Doing good to all men is encouraged (Matthew 5:16) but doing good to fellow believers is emphasized.

Doing good literally means “let us actively work effectively.”

Our spiritual reward will be based on our faithfulness in making wise choices with the resources and abilities the Lord has entrusted to us.

God will supply the grace necessary for the good work that He has purposed for us to do (2 Corinthians 9:8-11).