

The Ruin of Rebellion

Galatians 6:7-10

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⁷ **“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.**

⁸ **For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.**

⁹ **Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.**

¹⁰ **So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”**

Rebelling against the Lord is costly. The divine law of consequences is that people reap what they sow, more than they sow, and later than they sow. And the principle is unchangeable whether you believe in God or not.

A prevailing attitude of our modern culture is that rules prevent people from having a good time. That is certainly not the Lord's intention. In fact, He offers us true freedom through a relationship with Him. Our loving heavenly Father desires to keep His children growing in their faith and safe from the devil's temptations and worldly influences. He does that by limiting our actions and commanding that we follow certain laws and principles, which He has designed for our good. There is no greater pleasure or source of contentment than serving Him.

Rebellion, on the other hand, is a form of slavery. By defying the Lord's authority in some area of our life, we are allowing the enemy to shackle us. We may not initially feel the constraint of his trap, but keep in mind that divine law of consequences. Eventually, we will be heavily burdened by our sin. Whether the penalty ends up being carried in the body, mind, heart, or spirit, we will find ourselves distracted from wholly serving the Lord ([Matthew 6:24](#)).

Matthew 6:24 (NASB)

²⁴ **“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”**

God takes disobedience seriously because the consequences are so grave. As the Sovereign of the universe and our loving Father, He has only our best in mind. So, rebelling against Him is foolish. Wise men and women live by His Word and obey Him ([Psalm 119:9](#)).

Psalm 119:9 (NASB)

⁹ **“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word.”**