



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Two

Sowing Our Time Into God's Word

Galatians 6:7-8 – "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 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."

Throughout the Bible we find the metaphor of sowing and reaping. Coming from an agricultural society the Jewish people would have had first hand experience with this principle. A farmer takes some seed, puts it into the ground, waters it, and waits to see if it will grow. He knows that if he plants olive seeds he will get olive trees, and if he plants barley seeds, he will get barley stalks – how outrageous would it be if he said, "I'm hungry for oranges" and put an apple seed in the ground! Paul uses this picture to help us see how our spiritual lives also function.

In Galatians 6 Paul says that if you sow in sin, you will reap sin's consequences, but if you sow to the Spirit you will reap eternal life. So, the question then is, what does it mean to sow to the Spirit? A more literal translation from the Greek of verse 8 would be: sowing to the Spirit from the Spirit will reap life eternal. So, in order to sow to the Spirit we must sow from the Spirit. In other words the very way we are going to be more like Jesus and multiply God's kingdom, is by receiving and learning from God's Spirit.

What comes to mind when you think about reading the Bible? Do you think about it as a chore? Do you think about it as a list of do's and don'ts? Do you think it is a waste of time? In John 6:63 Jesus says, "The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life." What if you saw the Bible as full of the Spirit and life? What if you read the Bible to be filled with the Spirit so that you could multiply what God has done in you in others? What if you saw the Bible as God's great love story, painting a tapestry of redemption for his glory?

In our Imago Dei series, Pastor Jason reminded us from Genesis 1 that before we multiply, we have to know what we are multiplying. Reading and meditating on God's Word shows us the character of God we are to multiply and actually shapes us by His Spirit into people that will reflect his glory and draw others to him.

Questions To Consider

What are you sowing your time into? What is it producing for you?

What comes to mind when you think about the Bible? What would change if you saw it as the way to know and experience God?

Prayer Focus

God, thank you for your Word! Your words are full of the Spirit and life. Implant your words in me so that I might reflect your glory and multiply your glory in others. Amen.

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