

Sowing to Please the Spirit

Galatians 6.8

1. A Fundamental Farming Principle

- *we reap what we sow Gal 6.7*
it's how God designed nature
Gen 1.11
to teach us spiritual lessons
1 Cor 15.37-42

2. A Profound Spiritual Principle, 6.7-8

- *watch how you sow*
old nature → destruction
Spirit → a life of knowing God
John 17.3
- *our internal civil war 5.17*
the battle for personal dominance
sinful nature vs Holy Spirit
5.13; Phil 2.13; Ezek 36.26-27
- *the supply chains are crucial*

3. The Sowing we must Avoid

- **aggressive relationships 5.13-15**
dominance or service?
beware of biting, devouring
show gentleness instead
6.1; Col 3.16; Eph 4.15
Phil 2.5-7; 2 Cor 10.1
- **pride, provocation, envy 5.26**
don't be smug Rom 12.3
Phil 2.3; Rom 12.16; 2 Cor 12.7-9
1 Tim 3.6; 6.3-5
don't provoke 1 Sam 1.2-7
don't be jealous 1 Cor 13.4-5
Eccl 4.4; James 3.14-16
- **inflated sense of self-importance 6.3**
Phil 2.5-7; Luke 22.24-27
- **unhealthy comparisons 6.4**
focus on personal improvement
Prov 14.30; 23.17

4. The Sowing we must Cultivate

- **the seeds of God's Word 6.6**
Luke 8.11,15; 1 Pet 1.23-25; 2.2-3
read and heed it James 1.18-25
- **acts of goodness 6.9-19**
Jesus' example Acts 10.38
serve others in love 5.13
shoulder each others burdens 6.2