



## 4. The Law of the Harvest

There are natural laws that have been established by God.

Example: gravity. An important law that God has built into the universe is the law of sowing and reaping.

**Galatians 6:7-8** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

- a) You are always sowing.
- b) There are no neutral seeds.  
Deut. 30:19-20

**\*There are two "bags of seeds."**

- 1. Satan's bag of seeds: death (Matt. 13:24)
- 2. God's bag of seeds: life (2 Cor. 9:10)



### I. The Law examined

1. You reap \_\_\_\_\_ you sow.

You always reap the same kind of thing you sowed. It is more of the same.  
Job 4:8, Prov. 11:18  
The Beatitudes.(Matt. 5:3-10)

2. You reap \_\_\_\_\_ than you sow.

There is a time lag effect. The harvest is not usually immediate.

3. You reap \_\_\_\_\_ than what you sow.

This is more than cause and effect: I hit my finger and it causes me pain. This is multiplication. For better or for worse.



**David:** sowed lust and murder and lying.  
(2 Samuel 11)What did he reap?

2 Sam. 12:10 "the sword will never depart..."

### II. The Seed You Sow

Sow a thought, reap an \_\_\_\_\_.

Sow an action, reap a \_\_\_\_\_.

Sow a habit, reap a \_\_\_\_\_.

Sow a character, reap a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. Devotion to God or religious superficiality
- 2. Contentment or complaining
- 3. Kindness or meanness
- 4. Honesty or deception
- 5. Purity or sensuality
- 6. The Scriptures or television
- 7. Generosity or covetousness



### III. Where's the Grace?

But what if this message is "too late" for you. Already terrible things have been sown. What about God's grace?

**1. The grace of \_\_\_\_\_**

- Arbitrariness is used as a torture
- without consistency there would be nothing to learn and no way to improve.

**2. It is meant to bear \_\_\_\_\_ even when the sowing was bad and the reaping worse.**

- Humility (Ps.51)
- God is shown to be righteous
- Wisdom

**3. He \_\_\_\_\_ with us for the final harvest (2 Cor.5:20-21)**

- God's grace never meant He would change the rules or overlook sin.



### Conclusion

Hosea 10:12 Psalm 126:5-6