



Life Principles Notes

Practical Lessons for Understanding the Word of God

AMERICA'S FUTURE

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 6:7-9 | **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:** Leviticus 20:13 | 2 Chronicles 7:14 | Isaiah 5:20-24
Galatians 5:16-23 | Ephesians 2:8-9 | Philippians 2:5-11

SUMMARY:

Is it possible to predict a nation's future?

We may not be able to foretell specific events. But can we anticipate trends, such as blessing and liberty or poverty and oppression? Some would say yes—simply analyze what has happened in other nations, listen to political commentators, and study the history of that particular country. Others hold that the future is entirely unpredictable.

I believe that a simple yet powerful biblical principle indicates where our nation is headed: *You will reap what you sow, more than you sow, and later than you sow.* This "Life Principle" has tremendous implications for America's future. Given the seeds of wickedness that many in our nation are sowing, we are heading toward disaster.

SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES:

The Principle Explained

Galatians 6:7-8 says, "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." In short, whatever we sow today, you and I will reap more of later.

"Sowing to the flesh" refers to indulging the "self"—surrendering to our tendency to sin. Paul wrote, "The deeds of the flesh are evident, which

are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these" (Gal. 5:19-21). Those who practice a life of sin will eventually experience corruption, suffering, and death. We see it over and over—celebrities enjoy prosperity for a time, but often end up deep in debt, addicted to drugs, or dying young. No one is exempt from the Bible's principle of sowing and reaping.

"Sowing to the Spirit" means we surrender to the Holy Spirit and allow Christ to live His life through us. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Those who are generous, loving, and forgiving will reap generosity, love, and forgiveness. That doesn't mean we will never have trouble, heartache, or conflict. But if we sow to the Spirit, you and I will have supernatural peace in the midst of difficulty.

"The one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life" (Gal. 6:8). We don't *earn* our way into heaven through good deeds. (See Ephesians 2:8-9.) Every believer will have to give an account of how he or she lived. If we sowed to the Spirit—lived a godly life here on earth—we will reap eternal rewards.

The principle of reaping and sowing is preceded by a warning: "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked" (v. 7). In other words, stop lying to yourself that you will be the exception to the rule. A person who sows wickedness will not escape the harvest of their actions. When the Lord gives a

law, it is immutable—whether a person believes it or not.

In Greek, the term “mock” (v. 7) means “to turn the nose up at someone.” People attempt to mock the Lord when they decide to rebel against Him even though they know the truth. If we really believed what the Bible says about consequences, our nation would not be heading in its current direction. America will pay a high price for mocking God.

The Principle Applied

As individuals, we reap what we sow. But this principle also applies to entire nations. I believe the United States is unique. Of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, all but two were believers. God guided their decisions, and the result was a nation founded on the principles of Scripture. For generations, no one questioned praying in school or teaching the Bible. Court cases and sessions of congress opened with prayer. During that time period, we sowed faith in God and reaped the blessings.

But about 50 years ago, things started changing. Prayer and Bible reading were banned from public education. Anything that mentioned God—such as the Ten Commandments—was removed from government buildings. Crosses and other symbols of our faith came under attack, mostly through the court system. We legalized killing unborn babies and have murdered 50 million of them so far. Homosexual unions are recognized as marriages in some states, although God’s Word forbids them (Lev. 20:13). More and more, the name of Jesus is a forbidden word. Scripture says the Father gave Him “the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). Can God continue to bless this nation if we refuse to honor the One who gave His life so we might truly live?

Essentially, as a nation we have said, “We don’t need You, God.” But Isaiah chapter five warns, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil . . . Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble and dry grass collapses into the flame, so their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust; For they have rejected the law of the LORD

of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel” (vv. 20, 24). Can you imagine where we will be in a few years if nothing changes? Man can pass laws, but no one can change God’s principles.

So what is our scriptural responsibility? First, we need to stand up and live out the godly life that you and I profess. If more pastors and other leaders had consistently preached biblical truth, we would not be in the situation America faces today. But over the years, men of God started to question essential doctrines, such as the deity of Christ. Believers today need to faithfully live what we believe. Second, speak up. Don’t be ashamed of the name of our Savior. One day, “every knee will bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil. 2:10-11). Live today and every day believing that promise. Third, cry out to God to change the direction of our nation. He promises that He will respond to that prayer (2 Chron. 7:14). The spiritual core of our nation needs to change, and that change must begin in the house of God.

CONCLUSION:

We reap what we sow, more than we sow, and later than we sow. This fundamental biblical principle is true both in our personal lives and on a national level. We can not mock God’s law and continue to enjoy the blessings this country has experienced for so many years. Very soon we will begin to reap the consequences for our disobedience.

I challenge you to examine yourself. Are you sowing primarily to the Spirit or sowing to your flesh? Your life should contribute to the spiritual health of this nation, not detract from it. If you and I want to live in a free country, we must be willing to take responsibility for maintaining our liberty. ✨



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