

GALATIANS

leaving legalism to embrace freedom

Galatians 6:6-18

#13 Stewarding Resources & Clinging to the Cross

- I. **Stewarding: Believers are to invest their resources as the Holy Spirit leads, with the recognition that God will evaluate their faithfulness according to the law of sowing and reaping – Galatians 6:6-10.**
 - A. Exhortation #1. Believers are called to tangibly support their pastor-teachers in the local church because they reap the blessings of having leaders who are investing their lives to build the Word of God into their own lives – Gal. 6:6.
 - B. Principle. Because every believer's life is subject to the law of sowing and reaping, believers are to live with great intentionality as they follow the leading of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 6:7-8.
 - C. Exhortation #2. Believers are called to sow where the Holy Spirit leads, investing their financial resources on behalf of others, even when the reaping is not evident or is delayed – Gal. 6:9-10.
 - In order to reap a harvest, the farmer sows the seed and then waits patiently.
 - Because resources are always limited, the believer must consider how he can best prioritize his investments beginning with those in his own family.
- II. **Clinging: In closing, Paul reminds believers to follow his example of enduring persecution for the sake of building our lives on the reality that justification before God is based on faith alone – Galatians 6:11-18.**
 - A. Validated. As Paul reached the end of his letter to the Galatian church, he took the scribe's pen and finished the letter in his own handwriting to endorse the content of the epistle – Gal. 6:11.
 - B. Warned. Paul sought to remind the Galatian believers of the self-centered nature and focus of the Judaizers – Gal. 6:12-13.
 - C. Proclaimed. Unlike the Judaizers, Paul clung to the Gospel and what Jesus accomplished on the cross as the basis and focus of his life – Gal. 6:14-16.
 - D. Demonstrated. Paul's passion for the true Gospel over a people-pleasing, man-made religion was evidenced through the scars of his persecution – Gal. 6:17.
 - E. Grace. Paul closed the letter the same way that he began it – a prayer for the Galatian church to experience true peace as they remain grounded in and motivated by God's grace – Gal. 6:18.