

## BAD SEEDS, BAD HARVEST

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The Secret of the Harvest, Part 2

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### **BIG IDEA: What it means to sow bad seed and reap a bad harvest.**

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> 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. **Galatians 6:7-8** ESV

**Paul's tone is one of Warning.**

**We are always sowing something. Scattering seed**

- No seeds sown, no HARVEST.
- Seeds produce after their OWN KIND.
- Seeds do not produce fruit IMMEDIATELY, it takes time.
- Seeds are an investment in FUTURE fruit, and MORE fruit.
- Seed sowing is an intentional CHOICE, not a feeling.

### **1. You can sow BAD SEEDS... We can easily sow seeds to our "own flesh" (v. 8a)**

**Flesh can be...** human body; human initiative/action; not of God's promise, but human initiative; what comes naturally to us, self; desires independent from God; tug-o-war what comes from our initiative/desires vs. God's; self-absorbed vs. God-absorbed; cravings, lusts, self-absorption, independence from God

**6:8** For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption...

- In keeping with selfish, sinful desires regardless of God/what he says
- In agreement with our self-absorbed appetites, lusts, cravings
- Building/fortifying our independence from God

### **2. Bad Seeds produce a SURE HARVEST of ruin, spoiling, decay, wasting away and corruption.**

"But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out." **Numbers 32:23** (Gen. 44:16; Is. 59:12)

**Corruption-** corrupt, ruin, spoiling, decay, wasting away.

### **3. You can sow bad seeds, but you DON'T HAVE TO! It is our choice.**

#### **LET'S GET SPECIFIC:**

##### **Overt seeds:**

Sexual, sensual & immoral seeds (porn, illicit)

Occultic & idolatrous seeds

Attitude seeds (hatred, hostile, contentious, jealous, angry; self-seeking)

Relational (divisive, dissenting, wanting someone else's happiness)

Substances (drunkenness, partying, orgies)

Power of words (belittling, sarcasm, back-biting, venting)

##### **Covert seeds**

Seeds of value thru appearance

Seeds of value through performance, success, education

**Omission seeds:** Withholding affection/affirmation

#### **WHAT TO DO:**

**Turn to Jesus!** Change your direction.

**Ask for forgiveness** and restoration of relationship with him.

Confess your sin to another trusted Christian friend and **ask for help.** (James 5:16; 1 John 1:7-9)

**Stop sowing that seed.** "Don't do that!"