

SOWING AND REAPING—WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

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Galatians 6 : 1-10—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

Golden Text—Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Galatians 6 : 7.



10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness ; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived ; God is not mocked : for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption ; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing : for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

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THE LESSON RETOLD

In a letter written by the apostle Paul, called the Epistle to the Galatians, now part of the Bible, he tells those to whom he is writing that it is the duty of all Christians to act kindly towards one another, but especially towards any who have committed faults. "If," says Paul, "a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness ; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Paul meant, that when we see any of those round about us doing what is wrong, we should not speak harshly of them, but help them to do right. For that is the way in which we should like others to act towards us. That, too, is how Jesus would act.

Paul reminded the Galatians, too, that all Christ's followers are brethren, and that they should try to comfort and help any who are not so well off as themselves, remembering that Christ laid down His life for others. "At the same time," said Paul, "let each man feel that he is responsible to God for all that

he does, and he will then not require to depend too much on others."

Knowing how easy it is, even for Christians, to become proud of their own goodness, Paul wrote, "If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself, but God can never be deceived. Be very sure that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Paul meant that all young people should be especially careful to form good habits. For a boy or girl to indulge in acts of ill-temper, self-indulgence or any form of intemperance is like planting evil weeds in a garden. In time they will choke out the good, and yield a harvest of sorrow and death. "But he that soweth to the Spirit," says the Apostle, "shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," for good thoughts and habits will yield a harvest of honor and rejoicing. To encourage the Galatians to be steadfast, Paul wrote these words : "Let us not be weary in well-doing : for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."