



PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL—Living the Gospel Galatians 6:6-10

We are in the final stretch of our Galatians study. This has been an amazing and challenging series, and I hope everyone has been challenged and encouraged to live abundant lives in light of God’s grace. I also hope Ted’s insights into Paul’s letter to the Galatians have been used by the Holy Spirit to prompt you toward reaching out to everyone around you in love, humility, and graciousness...

Getting Started

Since we have been looking at how the Christian life is truly experienced only in the community of believers, we are going to begin the study by discussing an insightful quote about one of the most common challenges relationships encounter. G. Walter Hansen made the following observation:

One of the greatest obstacles to rebuilding broken relationships is simply fatigue. We can easily lose heart and run out of strength when we come up against the same problems over and over again as we deal with others.

What relationship(s) do you need to rebuild?

How does Hansen’s observation fit your situation?

What are you going to do to overcome this fatigue?

Who are you fatiguing among your relationships?

Context is everything, so take a few minutes and briefly summarize what we’ve studied so far in Galatians.

Share what you have with those who teach the gospel . . . v. 6

How strongly do you feel this obligation?

What do you think Paul means by all good things?

What does it mean to share all that we are?

What resources can you uniquely provide to the body?

Read the next three verses from different translations and look for any insights.

Stop deceiving yourself . . . vv. 7-8

God is not to be mocked . . .

How do we fail to take God seriously?

There is a correspondence between the investment and the return.

1. Investing in satisfying the flesh leads to decay.

2. Investing in satisfying the Spirit leads to eternal life.

What is the idea behind mocking God?

How do you not take God seriously? Explain.

What is the main principle in these verses?

Describe what reaping eternal life looks like

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Stop giving in when things get tough . . . v. 9

We have a guarantee on our investments into the kingdom.

When is life hardest for you?

When do you want to give up?

What areas of your life do you most need help right now?

Who can you encourage that is worn out right now?

Steward your resources into the lives of others . . . v. 10

Seize opportunities to share with anyone who is in your path.

However, focus your resources on those who are fellow believers.

Who has poured into your life?

Whose lives are you pouring into?

How do you decide how to direct your giving?

Where are you going to direct your resources?

Application

Take a few minutes to come up with a specific point of application from the sermon. Next, discuss your answers to the following questions and decide how to go about making applications.

CHALLENGE . . .

How are you tempted to use your resources for yourself?

What part of your “portfolio” have you been holding back? How, specifically, will you begin to share?

Prayer

Praise God for guiding us as we look into ways of meeting our logistical challenges. Please *pray* for honest and authentic relationships within the body. *Pray* for open hearts and honest self-assessments. *Pray* for the direction, focus, and goals of the church.