



Reaping what We Sow

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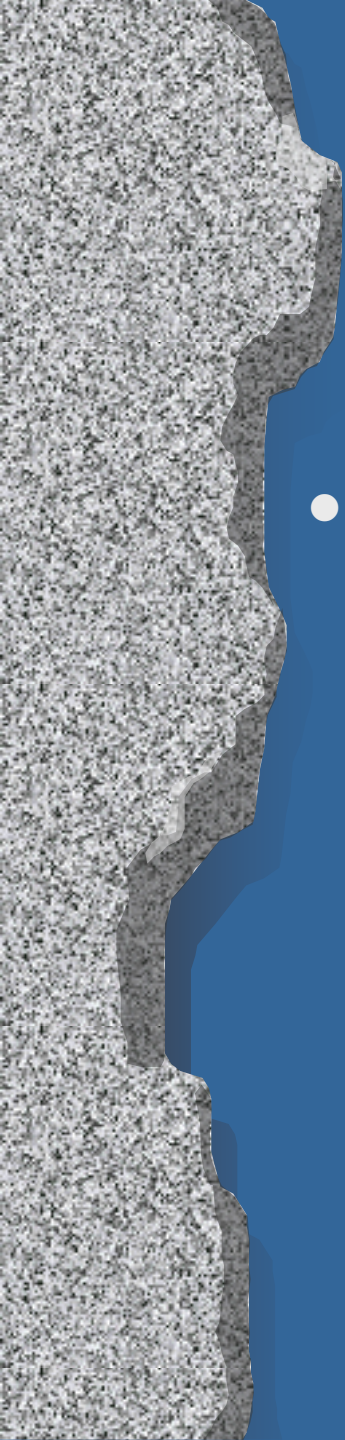
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The law

- **We will reap what we sow**
 - True in farming
 - True spiritually
- **If we sow to the flesh, we will reap corruption**
- **What does it mean: sow to the flesh?**



Every time we linger in bad company we are sowing to the flesh

- **(Peter)**

- **Luke 22:54-55 (NKJV)**

⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led *Him* and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

⁵⁵ Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.



Every time we allow our mind to harbor a grudge, nurse a grievance, or allow hatred to dwell in our hearts, we are sowing to the flesh

– Haman (Esther 3:5-6)

- **When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.**

But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus--the people of Mordecai.

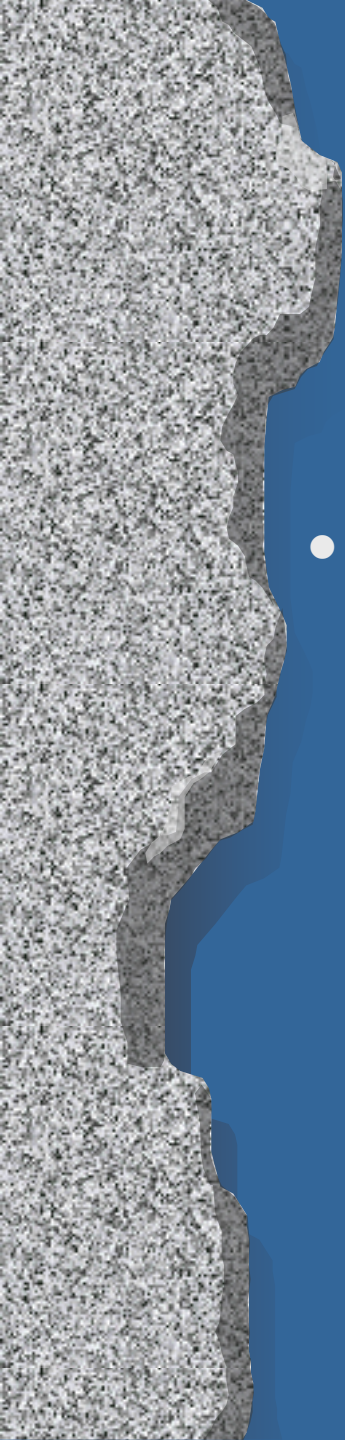


Every time we lust after someone other than our mates or dwell upon indecent entertainment, we are sowing to the flesh

- **(Samson) Judges 14:1-2 (NKJV)**

- Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines.

- ² So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."



**Every time we waste time when we should
be praying, studying or working, we are
sowing to the flesh**

- **(David) 2 Samuel 11:1-2 (NKJV)**

- It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to *battle...* But David remained at Jerusalem.

- Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman



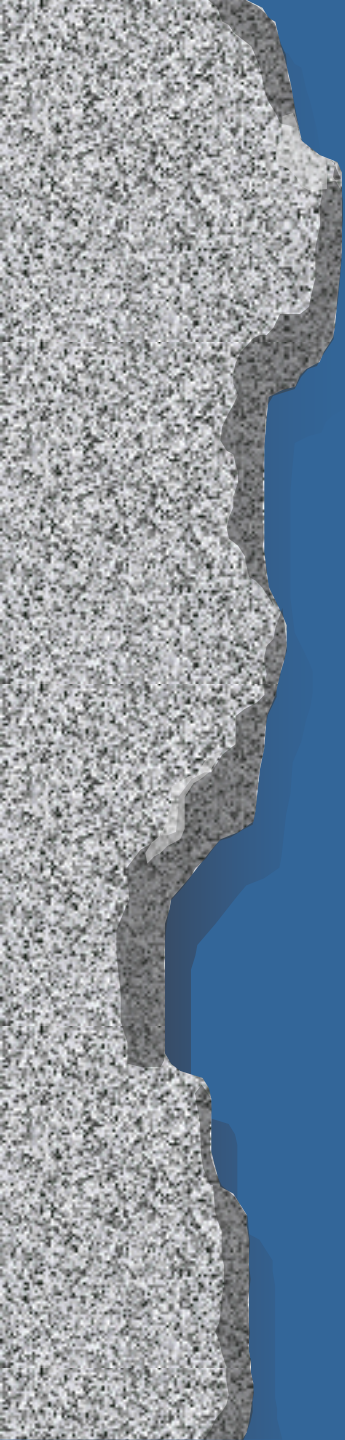
What about “corruption”?

- **In the next life – torment**
- **In this life**
 - Peter – denied the Lord
 - Haman – hanged
 - Samson – died blind, powerless
 - David – committed murder & adultery



Second part of the law

**But if we sow to the Spirit,
we will reap everlasting life**



**What does it mean to
sow to the Spirit?**



What does it mean to sow to the Spirit?

- **Meditate upon the Spirit's words**

- **Psalms 1:2 (NKJV)**

² But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

- **Psalms 119:11 (NKJV)**

¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!



What does it mean to sow to the Spirit?

- **Walk in the Spirit, according to the Spirit's direction**
 - **Galatians 5:25 (NKJV)**
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



What does it mean to sow to the Spirit?

- **Be filled with the Spirit (Be under His control)**

– **Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV)**

¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit



What does it mean to sow to the Spirit?

- **Live in such a way that we don't grieve the Spirit**
 - **Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)**
³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



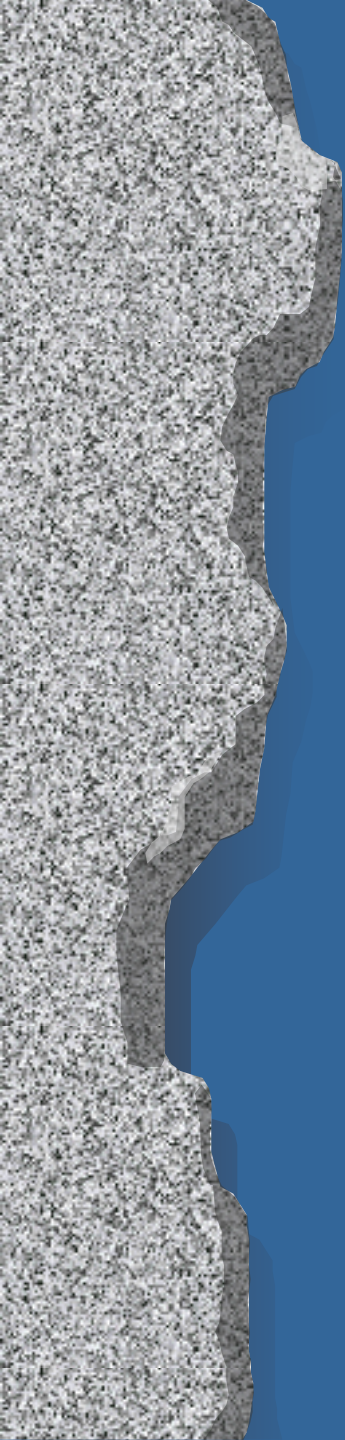
What does it mean to sow to the Spirit?

- **Allow the Spirit to produce fruit**
 - **Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)**
 - ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
 - ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.



What about “everlasting life”?

- **In the next life – Heaven**
- **In this life**
 - Joy, peace and purpose



**Are you sowing to the
flesh or Spirit?**