

A Spirit Led Church

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Galatians 6:6-10

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Paul's Final Exhortations

- Importance of the local church from Word: Heb 11:25; 13:17; 1 Cor 1:2; 12:12-14; Rom 12:4-5; Act 2:42; 20:28; 1 Pet 5:1-2
- Call to share with those who teach - 1 Cor 9:11
- This is a mutual sharing of one-another's burdens 2
- Truth is easily abused - See American Gospel
- Believers called to grace-filled generous lives towards local church

Sowing & Reaping is God's Design

- Why do people struggle to give to local church?
 - Should be easy with our wealth
 - Often don't give because don't understand God's plan of many small supporting big things
- v7 Sowing & Reaping is God's truth - our actions matter!
- v7 We are easily deceived by false arguments
- v8 Where are you sowing? Flesh or Spirit
 - Flesh - satisfy your own selfish desires. Examine your focus. Examine your spending carefully.
 - Spirit – God wants you to live for His glory, expenditures support Kingdom agenda and thinking.

A Reminder to Persevere 9

- We are called to persevere – this won't always be easy Gal 5:17; 1 Cor 10:13
- We are fighting against world^{Gal 1:4}; our flesh^{Gal 5:17}; and the devil^{Eph 2:1-3}
- We will reap if we don't give up 9 How?
- By waling in the Spirit, Remember God's purpose for your salvation
- Jesus did this perfectly - follow Him Heb 4:15
- We are to look to Jesus Heb 12:1-2; Col 3:1-4

The Priority of the Local Church 10

- The implications of the Gospel motivate us to give generously
- Now we are reminded of the overall direction for a believer v10
- The church is our 'household of faith', our primary family
- Faith in Jesus is not just individual belief - we are saved into God's family - local church is God's sovereign implementation of that family!
- So how do I give?
 - Financially - consider tithe
 - Participation – families only work when they are together

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