

Let Us Do Good to All

Scripture

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:2-10 NKJV)

Thesis

If we will concentrate on our own obedience, we will reap eternal life in due season.

Commentary

Now here is some good advice. We would serve ourselves well if we would just be more concerned about our own lack of obedience and less about others. Instead of pointing fingers and gossiping about the wrongdoings of others, we should be most critical of our own lives.

The admonition is to bear another’s burden. We would rather heap our own burdens on one already heavy laden. The flesh loves to justify itself. The best way to do that is to compare itself with somebody else. “Look at that sinner! I am not as bad as he is.” The problem is when we do this we make the wrong comparison. If we would compare ourselves to Christ, we would be humbled and not lifted up.

To engage in such hateful behavior is to sow to the flesh. Sowing to the flesh will reap only fleshly returns. Those returns are contrasted with the spiritual returns of eternal life. Therefore, this is a most serious subject.

Because this is such a serious subject, we had better learn to guard our hearts from this sin. The best way to do that is to do good to all men. Practice kindness and humility. Don’t allow yourself to think in terms of comparison. Rather, think about how you can help others, and see others as more important than yourself.

Prayer

Father, this is difficult for us as our flesh loves to practice comparison and condemnation. Please forgive us when we fail. Remind us of the true standard of perfection that was demonstrated by your Son. Let us never take confidence in the flesh, but only in the imputed righteousness of Jesus, amen.