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“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

God placed spiritual laws into this world that can never be broken. One of those laws is reaping and sowing. **“For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.”** (Galatians 6:8) One follows their desires and they are sowing to their flesh. The result: you reap the corruption you sow, back into your being. What does God mean by ‘corruption?’ The word literally means to be brought into an inferior or worse condition. You don’t get stronger spiritually sowing to your flesh. You do get stronger in your desires and wants while you decay spiritually. Frustrations set in and anger generally follows when you don’t get your way. That’s the reaping from sowing to your flesh. The longer one sows the more difficult it gets to break free. The heart becomes hard and insensitive to the things of God because of corruption.

Your flesh is nothing more than following your instincts and what pleases you. It is the part of us that originally led us away from God and leads us into following our ways. Jesus said it this way: **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** (John 3:6) That’s why Jesus taught: **“Truly, truly, I say to you unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”** (John 3:5) There must be a new birth to be able to sow to the Spirit!

“Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:19-21) Placed right before us is what our flesh produces and with such ease. You keep sowing to these things in your life and you will reap the corruption back into your being from them. You slowly decay until one day you will do something completely against God without any regrets!! We’ve known people who teach classes or preach from time to time and suddenly they do something so public and sinful that it shocks everyone. Why? Because of years of sowing to their flesh and they reaped the corruption to the point they no longer care!

Look at society around us. It is in the constant state of sowing to the flesh. Immorality is glorified. Rejoicing over babies out of wedlock. Hateful, fighting and division in families and it continues to increase. People can’t figure out why everything is getting worse. You reap what you sow! People enslaved to drugs and alcohol because of sowing to the flesh. Look at the number of marriages that fail. Do they fail because of sowing to the Spirit?

This spiritual law God put into place will not be broken. May we have a heart for the Lord. **“For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”** (Romans 8:13) Think about it!!!

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