

## Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation Life Principle #6

*You reap what you sow,  
more than you sow, and later than you sow.*

- Do you take into consideration that every choice you make in life has a consequence?
- Have you been deceiving yourself and mocking God by rebelling against Him?
- Do your choices contribute to your spirit or to your flesh?
- Do the people you are around (friends, co-workers, organizations) contribute to your godliness or do they pull you away?
- What kind of influence are you *living* to be?

## Looking Deeper at Terms in Galatians 6:7-8

- **Flesh—The part of us that wants independence from God.** Although the Spirit dwells within each believer, a part of every person still wants to live independently from God. We call that the flesh (Gal. 5:17, 19-21), which the Lord heals and sanctifies as we follow Him.
- **Sow to the flesh—Yielding to harmful cravings and sinful desires.** For instance, people might overemphasize their appearance, focus on becoming rich, or watch immoral movies.
- **Corruption—Decay, ruin, and destruction.** Ultimately, sin leads to death (Rom. 6:23). Over time, rebellion against God destroys a person, just as a fatal disease slowly takes a life.
- **Sow to the Spirit—To do things that please the Lord.** Obeying God increases the Spirit's influence in your life.
- **Eternal—Long-lasting; high quality.** When we plant godly seeds, we will reap quality things—such as peace, integrity, and healthy relationships—that have permanent value..

## Do not miss the opportunity . .

Sowing to the Spirit is an act of faith, and as such, it is possible only during our time on earth. We must take advantage of the opportunity we have to serve God (Gal. 6:10).