

The Holy Spirit: THE Key to Living a Faithful Christian Life (Part 5):

You Can Ignore or Neglect the Holy Spirit
But Remember: You Reap What You Sow

Galatians 6:7-8

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We grow in ungodliness as we follow the desires of our sinful nature.

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for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
For the one who sows to his own flesh will from
the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to
the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
(Galatians 6:7-8).*

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“This is a principle of order and consistency which is written into all of life, material and moral.”

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1. *For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption (v.8a).*

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal.5:19-21a)

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2. *. . . but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (v.8b)*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal.5:22-23a).

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For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent (Jn.17:2-3).

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live (Rom.8:12).

Our character is shaped by our conduct:

*Sow a thought, reap an act;
sow an act, reap a habit;
sow a habit, reap a character;
sow a character, reap a destiny.*

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