

Walking In the Spirit: Part 3

Galatians 6:8

Introduction

We have been doing a mini-series on Walking in the Spirit that focuses on spiritual growth. The Apostle Paul says we can approach spiritual growth in one of two ways.

1. We can approach it under the _____, which means focusing on God's commandments and trying to keep them by our own moral will-power.
2. Or we can approach it under _____, which means that we trust the power of God's Holy Spirit to transform and teach us how to love God and love one another.
3. Paul calls this second way "Walking in the _____."

Walking in the Spirit requires three vital elements.

4. The first one is "setting your _____ on the things of the Spirit," found in Romans 8:5-6.
5. The second element, "keeping in _____ with the Spirit," found in Galatians 5:25.
6. This week, we'll explore the third element, found in Galatians 6, which says that Walking in the Spirit involves "_____ to the Spirit."
7. Spiritual laws are like natural laws; they will work for everyone under the right _____.
8. Your life is like a garden, and every day you plant _____ in that field.
9. When you sow to the flesh, you will harvest _____.
10. The corruption of negativity will keep you from being united with God's master _____ for your life.

I. Purify Your Thought Life

11. It all begins with your _____ life.
12. Negative thoughts lead to negative communication, which, in turn, leads to negative _____.
13. Faith-filled thoughts lead to a positive _____ connection that inspires positive action.
14. Paul's point is obvious: you reap what you _____.
15. If we sow to our fallen nature, we will reap the corruption of the lifestyle described in Galatians 5:19-21 as the "deeds of the _____."
16. If you sow to the Spirit, you will reap "eternal _____," which refers not only to heaven but also to the "fruit of the Spirit."
17. If you want to reap an excellent spiritual harvest in your life, you must sow consistently and regularly to the _____.
18. What thoughts you invest in your _____ grow over time and significantly impact how you think and live your life.
19. For a positive, fruitful life, we need the _____ seed of the word of God to displace the corruptive thoughts of the flesh.

II. Apply The Word of God

20. When you sow the seed of the Word of God into your heart and mind, the _____ of the Spirit begins to operate in your life.
21. When you deposit the good seed of the Word of God, you are making spiritual _____, and you will reap eternal life.
22. If you only receive the word of God on Sunday and then sow bad seeds throughout the week, the bad seed will produce _____ that choke out the good seed, so your life doesn't produce good fruit.

23. Paul calls this the spiritual law of sowing and _____.
24. When we sow to the Spirit, we learn how to deny our own ambitions and _____ to serve others.
25. Whoever sows to the Spirit reaps the greatest harvest of all: _____ life.
26. There are three conditions to the promise of verse 9, We will receive if we sow:
- In due season – at the proper time.
 - If we do not grow _____ of doing good – with the proper attitude.
 - If we faint not – with patient persistence.
27. Managing your resources under the principle of sowing and reaping requires _____ because the harvest doesn't come immediately after you sow the seeds.

III. Pursue Christian Growth

28. _____ in those activities that the Bible says result in spiritual growth.
29. The seeds we sow to the Spirit that produce this harvest are a _____ use of the means of grace.
30. Notice what they sowed.
- The apostles' _____" refers to learning and studying the Bible, especially the teachings in the Old Testament about Jesus the Messiah and God's grace.
 - "Fellowship" refers to sharing God's truth and love with one another in the context of a Christian community and personal relationships.
 - " _____" refers to both individual, private communication with God and also corporate prayer (see Acts 4, 12).
 - "The breaking of _____" may refer to the Lord's Supper, or it may refer to having meals together.
 - To these, we add "serving love" or what we call _____ love.
31. Notice how they sowed.

- “They continuously _____ themselves. It was the secret to their vitality and fruitfulness.

32. Sowing to the Spirit is when you build a _____ that centers around these means of growth.

Conclusion

33. Be sure you practice the means of growth with _____.

34. It’s important that you sow the seeds of _____.

35. Continue to _____ Christian growth.

36. Cultivate a _____ for these means of growth.

The means of growth are interconnected, so that genuine progress in one requires involvement in all. If you’re serious about being a follower of Christ, then get involved with other serious followers and pursue spiritual growth by sowing to the Spirit.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Law | 21. Investmen
ts |
| 2. Grace | 22. Weeds |
| 3. Spirit | 23. Reaping |
| 4. Mind | 24. Choose |
| 5. Step | 25. Eternal |
| 6. Sowing | 26. Weary |
| 7. Conditions | 27. Patience |
| 8. Seeds | 28. Participate |
| 9. Corruption | 29. Disciplined |
| 10. Plan | 30. Teaching,
Prayer,
Bread,
Agape |
| 11. Thought | 31. Devoted |
| 12. Actions | 32. Lifestyle |
| 13. Godly | 33. Grace |
| 14. Sow | 34. Obedience |
| 15. Flesh | 35. Pursue |
| 16. Life | 36. Taste |
| 17. Spirit | |
| 18. Mind | |
| 19. Incorrupti
ble | |
| 20. Fruit | |