



LIVING FREE!

Msg. 12: The Response Of Grace!

Galatians 6:6-10

I. Introduction: From Burden Bearing... To Burden Sharing!

A. Galatians 6:1-5: Bearing one another's burdens

B. Galatians 6:6-10: Sharing one another's resources

1. One of the hallmarks of a heart changed by Grace (Jesus) is the willingness to share one's time, talents, and earthly possessions with others.
2. Acts 2:41-47

II. The Response Of Grace – A Heart Of Sharing!

A. _____: Where does sharing begin?

1. The Biblical teaching on tithes and offerings:
 - a. Tithe: Giving the Lord a tenth (_____) of all the physical resources we receive: Genesis 14:17-20; Hebrews 7:4; Deuteronomy 14:22-23; Proverbs 3:9-10

The tithe and New Testament teaching: Matthew 23:23; Matthew 6:1-4

b. Offering: The offering is giving that is _____ and _____ the tithe: Genesis 4:1-5; Malachi 3:8

2. The primary place of giving is the _____:
 - a. Galatians 6:1; Malachi 3:10
 - b. Giving begins where you are spiritually _____ and _____!

B. _____: What is the spiritual reality of giving?

1. The principle of sowing and reaping: Galatians 6:7-8

It is an unchanging principle. We are warned not to be deceived, nor to allow false reason to dissuade us from the truth! God will not be mocked: Isaiah 14:27; Romans 3:3-4

2. We have two choices in sowing:

- a. We can sow to the flesh: Verse 8a - In context it is referring to keeping our possessions for our own _____ only); Matt. 6:19
- b. We can so to the spirit: Verse 8b - Sowing to the spirit encompasses everything that flows out of our lives in _____ to Grace! Luke 12:31-33; Malachi 3:10-12

C. _____: Can I really trust God?

1. Galatians 6:9: Three key words/phrases:
 - a. Weary: To be utterly _____
 - b. Due season: A set, _____ time.
 - c. Lose heart: To loose, set free, hence to _____.
2. God promises to supply all our needs (Philippians 4:9); to give seed to the sower and bread for food (II Corinthians 8:8-10), if we _____ in Grace and Faith and do not lose heart!

D. _____: Who do we give our offerings to?

1. God calls us to a lifetime of _____ in tithing to the local church, and _____ in freely giving our offerings to those in need: Galatians 6:10; I Timothy 6:17-19
2. While we are called to be generous toward all men, we are exhorted to be first and foremost generous to our _____ and _____ in Christ: Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35; II Corinthians 8:12-15
3. "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can." John Wesley