

## Galatians 5:6

(NASB)

<sup>6</sup> *The one who is taught the word is to share or communicate all good things with the one who teaches him.*

The “ones being taught” is the subject of this sentence.

The word *taught* is from *katecheo* which refers to the act of giving instruction, usually orally. To share in common

The word *communicates* means "to share, to be a partner in a thing with a person," here "to hold fellowship with another person."

**What is being taught?**

**The Good Things Of God, The Word Of God, The Good Things Of Christ**

What does Paul mean when he says “*The one who is taught the word is to share or communicate all good things with the one who teaches him*”?

- *He exhorts* resume their fellowship with their former teachers
- **share with them in the blessing of grace** which their teachers were enjoying.
- make common cause with the teacher in everything that is morally good and which promotes salvation and growth in grace.
- The ones being taught are not to leave the sphere of the morally good as Paul taught it, to the teacher alone, and go off to the Judaizers.
- He is to work in common with his teachers and so promote the spiritual life of the churches.

**The interpretation that makes the one taught assume the responsibility for the financial welfare of his teacher is not possible in this instance of the use of the word *koinoneo*.**

- *First*, the context which speaks both of the evil ([6:1-5](#)) and the morally good ([6:9, 10](#)), is against the interpretation that financial support is in the apostle's mind here.
- *Second*, the context defines the good things as being of a spiritual,
- *Third*, it would be the height of folly for Paul to inject such a subject as the support of the saint into the already disagreeing atmosphere of the Galatian churches
- *Fourth*, if Paul were exhorting the saints to contribute financially to the support of their former teachers, the Judaizers would be quick to say that the apostle was attempting to win the Galatian saints back to grace for financial reasons, since he himself was one of their former teachers.

## Verse 7

(NASB)

<sup>7</sup> *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

**Command** to them, "*Stop deceiving yourselves,*"

*mocked* comes from *mukterizo*. means "to turn up the nose, to ridicule, to ignore, to sneer," to treat with contempt

**Divine Principle:** *whatever a man sows, this he will also reap*

Operates in every sphere of life

Sow beans - reap beans

Sow deceit - reap deceit

Sow sparingly – reap sparingly

Sow disinterest – reap disinterest

## Verse 8

(NASB)

<sup>8</sup> *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**.*

- The word **to** in the expressions, "to the flesh" and "to the Spirit," is from *eis*, in the sense of **Sowing refers to the act of a person choosing those courses of conduct that will gratify the flesh**
- 2 fields to sow in: The flesh or the Spirit
- 2 crops to reap: **Corruption** or **eternal life**

All this reaping to the flesh is summed up in the word

**CORRUPTION**

All this reaping to the Spirit is summed up in the words  
**ETERNAL LIFE**

**John 17:2-3 (NASB)**

<sup>2</sup> *even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.*

<sup>3</sup> *"This is eternal life, that they may **know You**, the only true God, and **Jesus Christ** whom You have sent*

**What is your desire, my desire?**

Corruption or eternal life?

It depends upon which field we sow in.

