

## Verse 6

*<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 privilege and obligation of the taught to remember Christian teachers in love.**
- **You have an obligation to your teachers to share what the Holy Spirit has shown you by the teaching you received.**

## Verse 7

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

- **This is so self-evident that it needs no emphasis.**
- **God is not mocked because this Divine principle is always true.**

## 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.*

- **One is sowing in the field of the flesh, in the interests of his own flesh. This one is also reaping out of the very same field he sowed in, that is his own flesh.**
- **At harvest time the one who has been sowing in the field of the Spirit checks his crop and finds he has reaped exactly what he has sown.**
  - **Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Meekness, Inner control**
  - **Eternal Life**

## Verse 9

<sup>9</sup> *Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.* NASB

<sup>9</sup> *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.* NKJ

- **faint or weary** was used of reapers overcome by heat and toil. The word means "to relax effort, to become exhausted physically by prolonged effort."
- **The spiritual harvest does not take place overnight. Anything that takes time also introduces the possibility of discouragement.**
- **Due time or season refers to an exact time.**
- **John 17:3** <sup>3</sup> *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent*
- **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)** <sup>18</sup> *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

## Verse 10

<sup>10</sup> So then, while we *have opportunity*, let us *do good to* all people, and especially to those who are of the *household of the faith*.

**Now in view of the certainty of the harvest:**

- ***opportunity*** in the sense of a seasonable time, an appropriate time to do something. Now
- ***have*** is namely, "let us be having" a seasonable time. Now
- ***do*** emphasizes the process of an action, carrying with this the ideas of continuity and repetition. Now
- **The *good*** which is the product of the work of the Holy Spirit through the saint. Now
- ***unto*** which combines the sense of direction with that of active relation to.

*Let us then seek to embrace every opportunity to "do good to all men, especially to them who are of the **household** of **faith**."*

- **household** acquired in a connection like the one in this verse, the general sense of pertaining or belonging.
  - The **definite article** precedes the word **faith**. The expression refers to those who belong to the Faith, the Christian Faith.
- ❖ the general principle of [verse 6](#), now extending it to include all men everywhere.
  - ❖ The spiritual man is one who sees things from God's standpoint. Outward looking
  - ❖ The Spirit will produce Christ in whose life was laid out in doing good.
  - ❖ Having been so wondrously dealt with ourselves, how can we do other than seek to exemplify in our dealings with others the mercy and lovingkindness which has been shown toward us?
  - ❖ This is indeed to live on a higher plane than law.

