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Galatians 6:7-10 “*Good News Bible*”

Gal 6:7-10 Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you plant. If you plant in the field of your natural desires, from it you will gather the harvest of death; if you plant in the field of the Spirit, from the Spirit you will gather the harvest of eternal life. So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith.

Be strong, for the Goal is worth it.

So often we get discouraged in doing what is right, and in doing what is good. We all know how others usually make use of this opportunity just to “use” you. You identify a person going through a crisis in their life, and step in to assist and help. You give everything in your power to make a difference in their lives, just to be tossed aside after doing so much, without even a simple thank you. Yes, it hurts! You became a friend to someone in need, just to realise that they are not interested in your friendship, or returning your kindness, but they are only interested in what they can get from you. Should they ever get the opportunity, they may even turn against you, or partake in blackening your name, and after doing so, should they experience another crisis, they will be quick to look you up again, for they know you will help them.

It's a pity that so many people are like this. But just maybe we are experiencing hurt, for we expect other to appreciate our efforts, and then, our motives are wrong. Why then should we do good to others?

We should do good to others, because that is what we have learned from the example of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We should do good to others, for that is what we were taught by the Bible, also in this scripture. Yes, I know that we would all like to see that our work for Christ should at the least be appreciated by our fellow brothers and sisters, but that should not be the reason for us doing good. One of our very wise church fathers said: “In every thing you say and do, where ever you go, proclaim the Gospel, if needed, use words” WOW, this is such a powerful statement. I need to live my life so that it would be a testimony to my belief in Jesus Christ, in order for others to yearn to be like me. My life should bear testimony to my relationship with Christ. St. Francis of Assisi said, “It is not fitting, when one is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look.” But, so often we experience that fatigue in doing good is getting a hold over us. So often we are going around, tired, and struggling to smile.

We should be carefully watching and guarding against this fatigue. Its only in persevering and in continuous well-doing that our reward is promised. Here is a challenge for perseverance for us all to do good to everybody. We should try our best to do good in our lifetime, and make this the goal of our lives. Especially when a new occasion for doing good comes over our ways, and as far as it is possible for us. But seek not a reward in life, for God, who will see us doing good for His glory, will surely reward us, as promised in this scripture. May God be glorified in all my doing, and let man see less of me, but more of God in all I do.

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