

Willful Blindness: Part 3 (The Price Tag for Not Seeing) Galatians 1:6-10

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I. The Results of Not Seeing (Part 3)

1. Deserting and Turning (Turning)

• Galatians 1:6–10 (NIV): 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly **deserting** the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are **turning** to a different gospel—

2. Confusing and Perverting (Perverting)

- 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into **confusion** and are trying to **pervert** the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!
- 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

3. Reaping and Deconstructing (THIS IS WHERE WE ARE NOW)

• Galatians 6:7–9: 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

II. Reasons Some Ways of Life are Hard to See and Deconstruct

Deconstructed Defined:

• to <u>take apart</u> or <u>examine</u> (something) in order to reveal the basis or composition often with the intention of <u>exposing</u> biases, flaws, or <u>inconsistencies</u>¹

III. The Tragedy of Being Blind and Listening to Bad Influences

1. The Galatians were following some bad influences that **drowned them in legalism**

¹ Source: https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deconstruct\





- 2. The Galatians were following religious people that denied them their freedoms
- 3. The Galatians were feeling depleted, defeated, and dissatisfied

Summary: The following quote by author B. J. Fogg helped me develop a balanced approach to look at how change can happen.

"We are not the problem. Our approach to change is. It's a design flaw—not a personal flaw." In order to design successful habits and **change your behaviors**, you should do three things.

- 1. Stop judging yourself.
- 2. Take your aspirations and break them down into tiny behaviors.
- 3. Embrace mistakes as discoveries and use them to move forward.

Video of Author:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdKUJxjn-R8

Next Time: Willful Blindness and Courageous Conversations

Read Ahead: Galatians 2:11-21

² Tiny Habits: The Small Changes that Chang Everything by B.J. Fogg ... page 2