

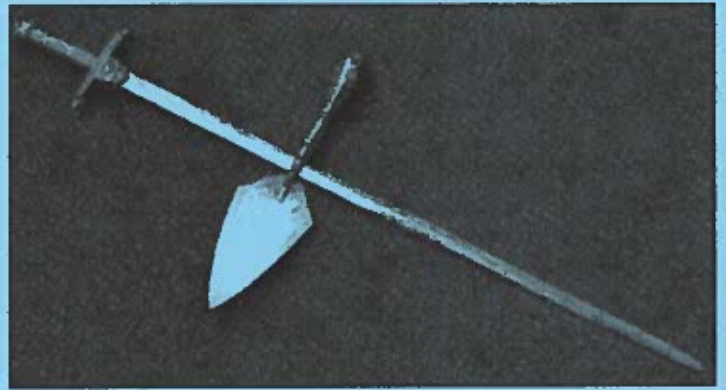
The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *“As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded.”* Nehemiah 4:18

THE LAWS OF SOWING & REAPING (Part 3) You Reap More Than You Sow

God has established certain laws or principles to govern this world. This is my third article sharing thoughts on the laws of sowing and reaping based on the Apostle Paul's words in **Galatians 6:7-10**. When it comes to the laws of sowing and reaping, there are three basic laws:

1. You reap what you sow.
2. You reap more than you sow.
3. You reap after you sow.

Today I want to focus on the second law: You reap more than you sow. **Whatever you sow, God will multiply.**

In **Mark chapter 4**, Jesus told a parable about a farmer who went out to plant some seeds. As the farmer was working, some of the seeds fell on the path, some onto rocky ground, some seed fell in the thorns and still other seed fell on the good soil. All of the seed that did not fall on the good soil did not do well. But the seed that fell on the good soil produced an amazing harvest. The seed that fell on the good soil represents people who hear and accept God's Word; and it produces a harvest 30, 60 or even 100 times as much as was planted.

In other words, if you plant one seed you can grow an entire tree which then produces more fruit with even more seeds, and that will bring about an exponential growth in your harvest over time. Here is the principle of the second law: **Whatever you sow, God will multiply.**

Our church family recently witnessed this principle in action. Last week, on March 1st, Brother George Faull's funeral service was held at the Church of Christ at Grissom. Hundreds of people attended and thousands watched online as George's family gave honor to God and celebrated George's life.

A statement Jeff Faull made during the service as he reminisced about his father caught my attention. Jeff said, *“He loved the Word of God... I can't even calculate how much Scripture I know because it was woven into life, and I realized I hadn't memorized those verses even though I had them memorized.”* George's conversation was filled with scripture. George was constantly sowing the seed of the Word.

And what a harvest he reaped. Not because George Faull was good, but because George Faull's God was good. **Whatever you sow, God will multiply.**

It is not what we do occasionally that makes the difference; it is what we do consistently. As I mentioned in my previous article, if you do not like what you are reaping, change what you are sowing. And if you wonder whether it will be worth it, always remember this truth: **Whatever you sow, God will multiply.**

Thank you God, for men like George Faull who trusted in You and planted the seed of Your Word. May You receive the glory from the harvest.

Wade Allen, Evangelist

1ST IMPRESSIONS MINISTRY

The purpose of the First Impressions Ministry is to make a great first impression! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry of welcoming people to our church, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall.

THE SECRET LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

How can a Christian lead a secret life when he is supposed to be the light of the world? To find out, join us on Wednesday night as Chris Ponchot leads our study.

COMING EVENTS

March 21 Ryan Cox from the Creation Truth Foundation will share in Sunday School and our morning and evening services. Plan to attend.

<u>SERVICES</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
Sunday School	9:00	<u>February 28</u>	<u>March 7</u>
A.M.Church	10:00	Sunday School	26 23
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00	A.M.Church	65 66
Wednesday P.M.	7:00	P.M.Evangelistic Service	36 41
Evangelism Class(Wedns.)	7:00	Tithes & Offerings	\$2,525 \$5,828
Youth for Truth	7:00	Wednesday Evening	35 28

PRAYER CONCERNS

new Wednesday nite class starting	our evangelist, elders & deacons, teachers
Bill & Mary Sue Friend	Mark Whitsett
Cincinnati Christian University (spiritual)	each other
Summit School of Preaching	ladies' Bible study
Rick Wakefield (job/safety driving)	Jeff VanCuren
our government/ our nation	Amiah Worley
Christians around the world being persecuted	Marjorie Fiedler (health)
Rick Wakefield's daughter Amy (home burned)	our widows
Don Emrick (suffers with Vertigo)	George Faull family (his passing)
Robin Page (lost boss and also a friend)	our missionaries
Carol Roberts (friend of Jennifer Worley) – surgery recovery	Donna Faull
Angel Mercado's family (tragic death in family)	PTL: Harold Bouthot called back to work
Lori Bouthot's brother, John (surgery recovery)	Hank Whitmer (health declining)

God wants us to be kind:

Meditation

Ephesians 4:32

*And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted,
forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake
hath forgiven you.*

Can't Get Good Help

Two men walked into a diner that looked as though it had seen better days. Before sitting down in the booth, the younger man brushed crumbs off the seat. Then he took a napkin and wiped some ketchup off the table. The waitress came over and asked if they wanted menus. "No thanks," said the older man. "I'll just have a cup of black coffee." "I'll have black coffee, too," the younger man said. Then he added snippily, "And make sure the cup of clean." The waitress gave him a nasty look before marching off into the kitchen. Two minutes later, she was back. "Two cups of black coffee," she announced curtly, "which one of you wanted the clean cup?"

Quotes From Famous People

"The only reason they say women and children first is to test the strength of the lifeboats." Jean Kerr

"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it is either a new car or a new wife." Prince Philip

"A lawyer believes a person is innocent until proven broke." Robert Hall