

[Special Series: Church Priesthood Ministry]
THE DECEPTION OF THE SPIRITUAL BELIEVER-PRIEST

We are currently studying a special series on Church Priesthood Ministry. All of these Church Priesthood Ministry lessons come from Paul's use of the present imperative (command) taken from Galatians Chapter Six.

(Gal.6:1)	Restore	(katartizo)	Restoring trespass believers in the spirit of gentleness.
(Gal.6:2)	Bear	(bastazo)	Bearing one another's burdens in the love of Christ.
(Gal.6:4)	Examine	(dokimazo)	Examining one's priesthood regarding boasting in the Lord.
(Gal.6:6)	Sharing	(koinoneo)	Mutual sharing of all of God's goodness.
(Gal.6:7-10)	Deceived	(me planao)	Don't be deceived, the Believer will reap what he sows.

The fifth present imperative is a stern warning to the believer-priest in (Gal.6:7-8). When you read (Gal.6:7-10), Paul warns about **two types** of church priesthood ministries:

- Carnal (Gal.6:7-8)
- **Spiritual** (Gal.6:9-10).

In our [last lesson](#) we studied the carnal believer-priest who sows to his flesh (OSN) and reaps **corruption** (phthora).

- **Phthora** (corruption of OSN) is a reference to carnal believer-priest engaged in Adamic degenerate sin life. We used the David and Bathsheba incident (2 Sam.11-12) and the younger prodigal son of (Luke 15) as examples.

Today's lesson is the spiritual believer-priest who sows to the Spirit (IHS) and reaps eternal life (Gal.6:8b).

We will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Deception of the Spiritual Believer-Priest (Gal.6:9-10)

Note: We're studying Paul so **please put on you thinking cap (2 Pet.3:16) and** stay focused.

1. The 5th **present imperative (Directive Will)** is a warning attached to two absolute Divine Laws regarding God's Essence and God's Promise (Gal.6:7).

- 1st law "God is not mocked."
2nd law "Whatever a **man** sows this he will also reap."

Carnal: "For the one who sows to his own flesh (OSN) shall from the flesh reap corruption,

Spiritual: but the one who sows to the Spirit (IHS) shall from the Spirit reap eternal life." (6:8)

2. Once again Paul's use of the Greek grammar to teach Bible doctrine is interesting. He used the adverbial participle as a conditional clause and then reversed the order in (Gal.6:9).

Notice the (if) is placed last rather than first. It should normally read as the following.

Warning [protasis] (The if part): "If we do not grow weary"

(me ekluo/ p.m.ptc.nplm) is an adverbial **protasis** of conditional participle).

Promise [apodosis] (The **then part): “**In due time we shall reap****

(therizo/ f.a.ind.1pl) [main verb].” In due time” is waiting (faith-rest) in God perfect timing in the Plan of God (Eph.5:15-17) (Redeeming the time).

Protasis occurs before the apodosis (sowing – waiting - reaping). Paul is trying to make this big point bigger regarding priesthood ministry.

3. Another interesting use of the Greek grammar is the hortatory subjunction (first plural) [let us] in (Gal.6:9-10).

It was used to address the entire Church priesthood (without exception). The apostle Paul included himself in LET US.

(Gal.6:9) “And (**let us**) not lose heart (me enkakeo/ p.a.subj.1pl) in **doing** (poieo/ p.a.ptc.nplm) **good (to kalos) [sowing]**, for **in due time (idios kairos)** we shall **reap** if we do not grow weary (me ekluo/ p.m.ptc.nplm) [conditional].”

(Gal.6:10) “So then, **while (hos +subj)** we have (echo/ p.a.ind.1pl) opportunity (**kairos**) (**let us**) **do** (ergazomai/ p.m.subj.1pl) **good (to agathos)** to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Note the Greek word **kairos** is used twice (Gal.6:9-10) to teach the importance of **redeeming the time**.

Note also that Paul used two different Greek words for GOOD: **to kalos** and to **agathos** (Gal.6:9-10).

- Kalos: You are doing a good job (spiritual priesthood ministry) (Gal.6:9).
- Agathos: You have a good job (grace status as royal priest) (1 Pet.2:5, 9) (6:10).

4. The warning of (Gal.6:7-8), “Do not be deceived,” was expand in (Gal.6:9-10).

- **Warning with sowing:** “Let us **not lose heart** (me enkakeo/ p.a.subj.1pl) **in doing good**.” (Gal.6:9a)
- **Warning with reaping:** For in due time, we shall reap if we do **not grow weary** (me ekluo/ p.m.ptc.nplm).” (Gal.6:9b)

(Gal.6:9-10) shows how a Spiritual Church Age Believer (CAB) Priest can reap Eternal Life.

“The one who sows (ho speiro/ p.a.ptc.nsm) **to the Spirit shall from the Spirit** reap (therizo/ f.a.ind.3ps) eternal life (aionios zoe).”

Reaping Eternal Life is Divine Production of the regenerate “new man” walking by means of The Holy Spirit

(Gal.6:10) “**Doing** (ergazomai/ p.m.subj.1pl) **divine good (to agathos)** to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

What a wonderful promise from God – “**Whatever a spiritual believer-priest sows this he will reap eternally.**” The reaping of what was sown comes from **the Lord of the Harvest** (Matt.9:37-38).