

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

Family Devotion — Lesson 6

MEMORY VERSE—GENESIS 2:16-17

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

- This is a long verse! It is just as important to understand the principle as memorizing it.
- Adam and Eve had a choice (free will) to obey or disobey God. They chose to disobey.
- Disobeying God has a terrible consequence. Disobeying God’s command is called sin (1 Jn. 3:4).
- To “reap what you sow” comes from the process of farming.
SOW — to plant seed REAP — to gather or take
- This principle teaches that future consequences are determined by present actions.
- The consequence of eating from the wrong tree was spiritual and physical death. A broken relationship, a dying body, a lost paradise, and a sin-cursed world was the result.
- Quite often, what you sow will affect others as well (Rom. 5:12).
- The good thing about reaping is that you can reap good things.
- “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Gal. 6:7-8).
- Reaping what you sow doesn’t always happen right away. Just as a seed takes time to grow, consequences to actions may come at a later time. Don’t be deceived—reaping season will come!



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- What do people do who love Jesus (Jn. 14:15, 23)?
- What is the ultimate consequence of not believing on Jesus (Jn. 3:15-18)?



PRAYER TIME

- Pray for God to help you make decisions that please Him.
- Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for your sins.



CHALLENGE

- Plant a seed in the ground and see how long it takes to grow. Make sure you provide sun and water.