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John 8; Romans 7; Galatians 5:25–6:18; Ephesians 3:20–21; James 5:16

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Galatians 6:1–10 (NASB 2020)

**1** Brothers *and sisters*, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* boasting, *but* to himself alone, and not to another. **5** For each one will bear his own load.

**6** The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*. **7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. **8** For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. **9** Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. **10** So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

The flesh is at war with the Spirit, so we need to master the flesh while we sow to the Spirit.

- **Deceitful ideas appeal to disordered desires that are normalized in a sinful society.**

Galatians 5:25–26 (NASB 2020)

**25** If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit as well. **26** Let's not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

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Galatians 6:6 (NASB 2020)

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John 8:21 (NASB 2020)

**21** Then He said again to them, "I am going away, and you will look for Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."

Galatians 6:7–8 (NASB 2020)

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What we do here on earth has eternal consequences.

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Romans 7:20 (NASB 2020)

**20** But if I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer *the one* doing it, but sin that dwells in me.

Sowing to the Spirit

This is where the spiritual disciplines come into play.

Evangelism, Confession, Reading the Bible

James 5:16 (NASB 2020)

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.

### Mastering the Flesh

- In the beginning we have a choice, your choices become your character.

"Almost anything in life that truly matters will require you to do small, mostly overlooked things over a long period of time."

Zack Eswine – The imperfect pastor

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