



GALATIANS

DAY 5

Galatians 6

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TODAY'S THEME: Be patient. The good seeds that you're sowing in your life right now are doing better than you think they are, and they will bear fruit.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

“And lest us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

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Any gardeners here? I'm not really, but a quick Google search tells me that a standard apple tree can take up to six years to bear first fruit. Nobody in their right mind plants an apple tree, goes outside the next day, and comes back inside angry that they can't make an apple pie with fresh picked apples from the tree they planted yesterday. It's non-sensical. We understand the concept that seeds take time to manifest themselves in the form of fruit. It's a long-term investment.

These are some of Paul's closing thoughts to these churches in Galatia. He's spent much time talking about the Gospel and urging them to make a decision. They were either going to embrace the message that he had preached to them (the true Gospel) or revert back to Jewish customs that depended on their obedience to the Mosaic Law. There was a lot on the line. They had two options, but one choice. Both would inevitably bear some kind of fruit in their lives.

Each day, we're planting SOME kind of seed, and that decision is really up to us. There aren't really any days off. This is what Paul is saying - you sow to the flesh or you sow to the Spirit. His encouragement to them though, just like an apple tree, is that spiritual fruit takes time to grow. The Galatians might be able to observe immediately their ability to obey the Mosaic Law, but it wasn't going to produce the long-term benefits of living by the Spirit.

Have you ever been frustrated with that before? Ever felt like throwing in the towel on love, joy, peace, patience etc? Have you ever felt like it's just easier to be impatient, worried, and angry instead? I think we've all been there. This isn't a sprint. It's a marathon. Fruit takes time to grow, and it's a guarantee that if you continue to put yourself in the right environments for growth, your life will produce fruit.

What is God speaking to me about in today's reading?

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

