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GALATIANS 6: Seeds We Sow Yield the Crops We Grow

Introductory Statement: 'Finishing Strong' is a concept that is found throughout the Apostle Paul's writings. Whether through the illustration of running a race or engaging in a wrestling match, Paul encourages believers in Jesus Christ to begin, and continue their journeys, with the end in mind. As he closes this letter to the Believers in Galatia, Paul provides further instructions on how to live this new life, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through consistent, focused choices and actions.

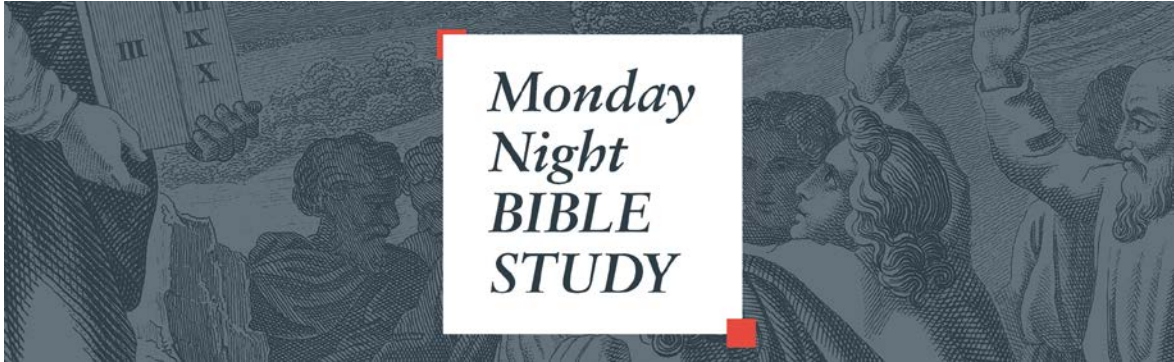
Summary Points:

- What do we do with fellow Believers in Jesus who fall along the way or turn away from their faith in Jesus?
- How can we keep ourselves strong in the Faith (and not fall away)?
- Does the Bible address Karma?
- What do I do when I feel like giving up?

Objectives: At the end of this session one should be able to understand and provide answers to questions surrounding the summary points noted above

5 MINUTE REVIEW GALATIANS 5:21-26

1. In Chapter 5 the Apostle Paul highlighted the ongoing battle between the regenerated, HOLY SPIRIT Presence and the sinful nature within an individual's life. He contrasted the outcome of a SPIRIT-Directed life vs. a sinful-nature directed life. *Galatians 5:16-17*
 - a. The HOLY SPIRIT comes to dwell within an individual's life when he/she declares Faith in JESUS the CHRIST *John 14:16-17,26; 16:13-14; Ephesians 1:14*
 - i. You are a spirit, you have a soul, you live in a body
 - b. The life habitually directed by the HOLY SPIRIT's guidance inherits the Kingdom of GOD and results in eternal life
 - c. The life habitually directed by the sinful nature does not inherit the Kingdom of GOD and results in eternal death (separation from GOD)

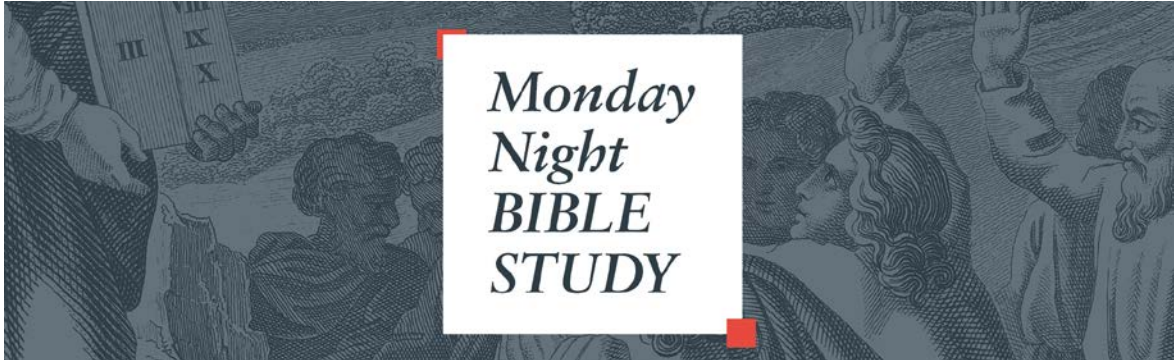


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2. You have the deciding vote concerning whom you will serve and submit your life. There is no middle ground. *Romans 6:16; Matthew 6:24 [AMPC]*
 - a. GOD has given man the power to choose
 - b. Decisions (Choices) shape the course of our lives

GALATIANS 6:1-5 [TPT] – KEY WORDS AND CONCEPTS

1. Overtaken
 - a. To “take one before he/she can flee or conceal his crime”, to “surprise” or “detect”, to be “caught in or by”; **Greek – prolambano** *John 8:1-11*
2. By a Transgression
 - a. Go against something that is known; “a false step”, “a trespass”, “a lapse”, “slip”; **Greek - paraptoma** – suggests falling away after being close beside; a deviation from the truth, can be “non-deliberate”.
3. Spiritual
 - a. One who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of GOD; that which originates with GOD and is in harmony with HIS character – **Greek - pneumatikos**
4. Restore
 - a. To “fit (join) together”, “prepare, perfect for full destination or use”, “bring into proper condition (whether first time or after a lapse), “adjust to be in good working order”, “strengthen...make one what he/she ought to be”; **Greek – katartizo** *Luke 10:25-37; I Corinthians 12:12-13*
5. Spirit of Meekness
 - a. “the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of anyone; the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire”; gentleness, “power with reserve” ; **Greek – pneuma; prautes**

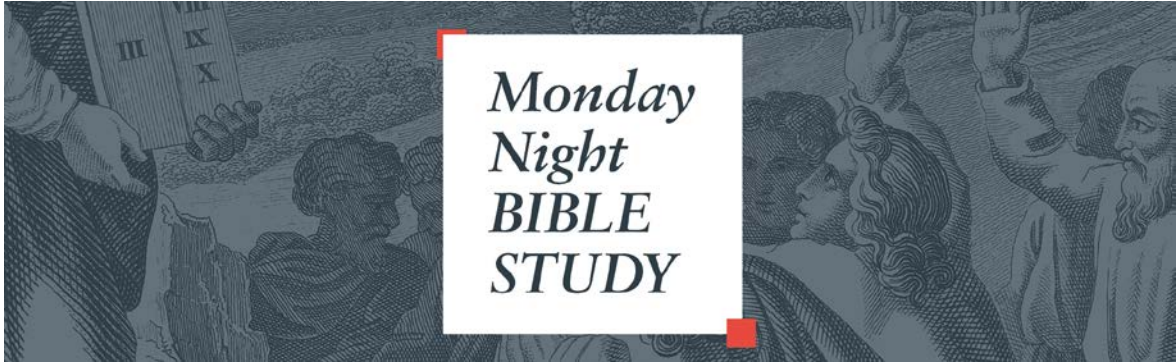


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6. Consistently Planting goodness in the lives of other believers can restore them to Faith in JESUS CHRIST
7. Consistent planting toward a life directed by the HOLY SPIRIT will keep individuals from falling away (being caught in/by) transgressions (while helping other believers)
2 Peter 1:3-10
8. Consistent planting toward a life directed by the HOLY SPIRIT will help individuals to develop a true understanding of personal identity and value through GOD's eyes.
John 15:26; Galatians 2:20
9. Consistent planting toward a life directed by the HOLY SPIRIT will help individuals to develop a proper understanding of role and responsibility within the community of believers. *Romans 12:3-6 [TPT]; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7,18-20,25-26]*
 - a. Significance (connection to the body/community/Interdependence) vs Self Importance (Independence)

GALATIANS 6:6-10 [WET – WUEST EXPANDED TRANSLATION] IMPORTANCE OF RIGHT FELLOWSHIP AND FOCUS

“Moreover, let the one who is being taught the Word constantly be holding fellowship with the one who is teaching in all good things. Stop leading yourselves astray. God is not being outwitted and evaded. For whatever a man is in the habit of sowing, this also will he reap; because the one who sows with a view to his own evil nature as a source shall reap corruption. But the one who sows with a view to the Spirit as a source shall reap life eternal. Let us not slacken our exertions by reason of the weariness that comes with prolonged effort in habitually doing that which is good. For in a season which in its character is appropriate, we shall reap if we do not become enfeebled through exhaustion and faint. So then, in like manner, let us be having opportunity, let us be working that which is good to all, but especially to those of the household of Faith.”

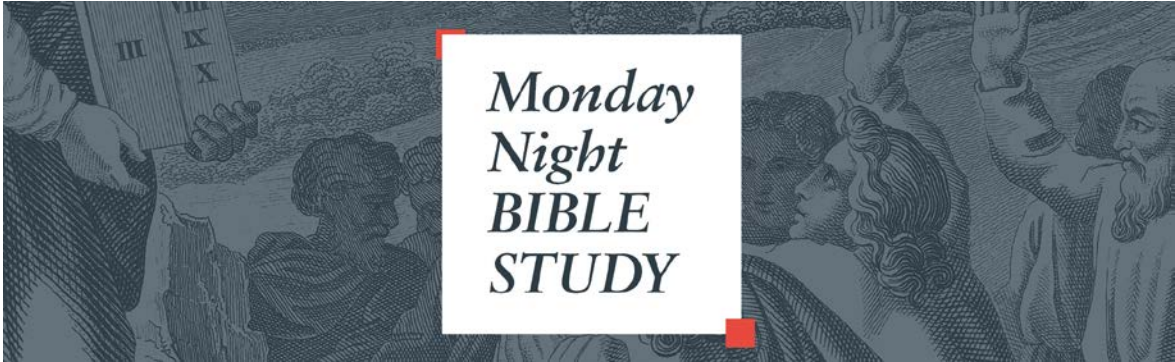


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1. Consistent planting of fellowship with those who provide instruction in this new life will keep individuals from leading themselves, or being led, off course
2. Whatever an individual consistently, habitually plants will be received
 - a. Law of Sowing and Reaping
 - b. Sow – **Greek – Speiro**; to spread, scatter (seed), “to do those things which satisfy the nature and promptings of...”
3. Consistent planting toward a life directed by the sinful nature results in a corrupt life from the power of the sinful nature
4. Consistent planting toward a life directed by the HOLY SPIRIT results in eternal life from the power of the HOLY SPIRIT
5. Don't become weary (grow tired) of planting toward a life directed by the HOLY SPIRIT. You will reap HIS rewards if you don't give up. Continue to be and live well, doing good toward all, especially other believers.

GALATIANS 6:11-18

1. Final Reminders
 - a. Don't become distracted *Luke 9:57-62 [MSG]*
 - b. Understand others' motives (who are trying to mislead you) *1 John 4:1 [NLT]*
 - c. What matters is faith in JESUS the CHRIST
2. Toward which direction are you planting your life?



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HOMework

- I. Being a Believer in JESUS the CHRIST, do you consider yourself 'spiritual' (as defined biblically)? If yes, what makes you a 'spiritual' person? If no, what is keeping you from identifying with being one who is 'spiritual'?

- II. What is a key responsibility assigned to one who is 'spiritual' (as defined biblically)?

- III. Scripture Memory:
 - a. Galatians 6:1
 - b. Galatians 6:7
 - c. Galatians 6:10

- IV. What is one thing that you will take away from this study that you can share with someone who might ask you about Galatians 6?

