

Title: What Goes Around Comes Around – Galatians 5 19-26

Read:

¹⁻³ Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived. ⁴ ⁵ Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. ⁶ Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have and experience. ⁷⁻⁸ Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. ⁹⁻¹⁰ So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

Think:

I am sure you are bored to death with parents and teachers saying things like, treat others how you want to be treated. Or maybe they say things like, if you haven't got anything good to say, say nothing at all. The problem is, that it seems God agrees. Paul is passing on God's wisdom and it's pretty clear what he means. If Paul was talking to us today, he would say the same. He would say, look out for your mates at Church, help them when they are doing stuff that is going to hurt them. But be careful not to get dragged down with them. Don't compare yourself to anyone and don't measure what you can do with your life, by what others do. Don't gossip and slag other people off. Treat others as you would like to be treated, because what goes around comes around. Yep it seems pretty straight forward, the Bible is as relevant today as it was two thousands years ago. Funny that, it's almost like God planned it that way!

Pray:

Lord we know your instruction book gives us the wisdom you want us to hear. Thank you for giving us a book that still remains up to date, even today. Amen.

Action:

Have you picked a Bible verse to live by? Go on find a verse that sums up how you want to live your life and learn it by heart. Do it now. Bye