

Cause and Effect

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Galatians 6:7-8.

B. In order to receive the promises the conditions must be met - we reap what we sew. (James 2:25, Psalm 97:11, Job 4:8)

C. Sin makes the Christian a prisoner. (Proverbs 5:22, 26:2)

1. We need someone who is available and able to help us.

2. We are saved by grace but we are still just old sinners. (Luke 6:37-38, 2 Samuel 12:9-12)

II. One finds success when they have consistent exposure in the Word. (Deuteronomy 17:17, Isaiah 58:8-12)

A. Every promise in the Book is ours if we qualify.

B. We do not have to be a famous Christian to be effective.

C. One can find success through meditating on the Word and preparing his heart. (2 Chronicles 26, Ezra 7:10)

D. We are to not be anxious about anything but make our requests known to God with thanksgiving and in everything. (Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

E. After you pray, think of good things so that the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8)

F. Plant whatever you want in life. (Proverbs 8:24, John 12:24)

G. The Lord gives you everything that you give up.

H. One has a clean heart by paying attention to the Word of God. (Psalm 119:9-11, Proverbs 4)

III. One must trust in God and not in man. (Jeremiah 17:5)

A. The successful man has his hope in the person of the Lord.

B. There is a cause and effect in life - you plant for success.

C. We must be patient, willing and obedience to claim God's promises. (Romans 4:20-21, Isaiah 1:19)

Application questions

1. What are the spiritual consequences that sin reaps?

2. How can one prepare for spiritual success, even in the dry times?

3. What effects both positive and negative have you reaped from good and poor decisions? What changes can you make to decisions you are making today for a more promising future?
