



## BE ALL YOU CAN BE IN THE SPIRIT

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**GALATIANS 6:7 NKJV – (7)** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

We might wonder why so little is accomplished in the world for the great work that God has in hand. The fact is that it is surprising that so much has been done through people with such weak faith.

Let it be said again and again that holiness of life is the divine standard of religion. Nothing short of this will satisfy the divine requirement. People can do many good things and yet not be holy in heart and righteous in conduct. They can do many good things and yet lack the spiritual quality of the heart called holiness.

We must strive towards higher spiritual quality and holiness through Christ Jesus, so that He can use us to do His great work here on earth.

Paul states clearly in this verse, the grace of God does not eliminate the principles of choice and consequence. In this life, our decisions will bring with them natural results. We must not lie to ourselves, that because of God's grace and forgiveness of our sins, we will not suffer any harm if we continue to choose sin. To believe such a thing is to mock God, to make light of Jesus' sacrifice for our sin on the cross.

What we do in this life does matter, beyond even the question of whether or not we will see heaven. In eternity, our choices will be reflected in our heavenly rewards, for those who are saved (**1 Corinthians 3:12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:10**), or our eternal punishment, for those who are not (**Revelation 20:11–14**). Until then, the "crop" we produce between now and the moment of our death is also determined by the "seeds" we plant along the way.

**SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 20:9-10**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The road to hell is paved with good intentions.