

God's People Are To Do Good
(Galatians 6:9-10)

Introduction:

1. The Scriptures included in today's bulletin indicate that God has always taught His people to do good.
 - a. The Old Testament taught the Israelites to do good.
 - b. The New Testament teaches Christians to do good.
 - c. From these verses we conclude that God's people are to do good.
2. In our lesson we are concentrating on the instructions in Galatians 6:9-10 that relate to doing good works.

Discussion:

- I. ACCORDING TO VS.9a, WE MUST NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD
 - A. Doing good works is emphasized throughout the New Testament.
 1. Ephesians 2:10
 2. Titus 2:13-14
 3. Titus 3:8, 14
 4. Hebrews 13:16
 - B. Doing good works is so important that we must not become weary in doing them.
- II. WE LEARN FROM VS.9b THAT WE WILL REAP IN DUE SEASON IF WE DO NOT FAINT
 - A. God put the law of sowing and reaping in effect at Creation (Genesis 1:11-13).
 - B. A spiritual application of this law is made in Galatians 6:7-8.
 - C. Doing good works is one way in which we bear fruit (Titus 3:14).
 - D. If we remain steadfast and do not become weary in doing good, we will reap a reward when the harvest season arrives (John 5:28-29).
 - E. On the basis of the information revealed in vs.9, . . .
- III. VS.10 TEACHES US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DO GOOD
 - A. In John 9:1-7 Jesus practiced the instruction given in this verse.
 1. (vs.1) Jesus saw a man in need.
 2. (vs.2) The disciples asked Jesus a question about this man's blindness.
 3. (vs.3) Jesus answered the question asked by the disciples.
 4. (vs.4-5) Jesus explained why He took advantage of such opportunities.
 5. (vs.6-7a) Jesus told the man what to do.
 6. (vs.7b) The man obeyed the Lord's instructions, and he was able to see.
 - B. In Acts 3:1-10 Peter and John practiced the instruction given in this verse.
 1. Doing good does not have to cost anything -- Peter and John had no silver or gold.
 2. By doing this good deed they were given an opportunity to preach to a great crowd of people (vs.11-12).

Conclusion:

1. In Genesis 1:1-2, we read about the condition of the earth after God created it -- *"darkness was upon the face of the deep."*
2. (Genesis 1:3-4a) Creating light was God's first step in taking care of this situation.
3. Spiritually speaking, the world is in a state of darkness.
4. Each time we do a good deed we are doing something about this situation by spreading light (Matthew 5:14-16).
5. This week let us make a renewed effort to practice the instructions given in Galatians 6:9-10.