

Expect Delays Gal 6:7-10

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

The **Six Phases of Faith** recorded in the life of Joseph: (Gen. 37-50)

Phase One: The *dream* Joseph fostered required faith in God. (37:5)

Phase Two: The *decision* Joseph forged required faith in God. (37:9)

Phase Three: The *delays* Joseph faced required faith in God. (37:20)

Phase Four: The *difficulties* Joseph faced required faith in God. (37:38)

Phase Five: The *Dead End* Joseph feared required faith in God. (39:20)

Phase Six: The *Deliverance* Joseph found required faith in God. (50:17)

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you plant."
—Robert Louis Stevenson

- I. When facing delays *test* the *principles* of God. (Gal. 6:7)

Do not be deceived: ***God cannot be mocked.*** A man reaps what he sows.

1. An individual reaps *what* he sows. (Gal. 6:7b)

A man reaps ***what he sows.***

2. An individual reaps *later* than he sows. (Gal. 6:8a)

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature ***will reap destruction;***

3. An individual reaps *more* than he sows. (Gal. 6:8b)

The one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap ***eternal life***.

II. When facing delays ***trust*** the ***promises*** of God.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1. Delays lead us to expose our ***faintheartedness***. (9a)

“Let us not become weary in doing good...”

2. Delays lead us to examine our ***fruitfulness***. (9b)

“...for at the proper time we will reap a harvest...”

3. Delays lead us to exercise our ***faithfulness***. (9c)

“...if we do not give up.”

III. When facing delays ***treasure*** the ***people*** of God. (Gal. 6:10)

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1. Treasure the ***opportunity*** where God has planted you. (V.10a)

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...”

2. Treasure the ***community*** where God has planted you. (v.10b)

“...let us do good to all people,...”

3. Treasure the ***unity*** where God has planted you. (v.10c)

“...especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

***“Don’t lose hope!
When you are down to nothing,
God is up to something!”***