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-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Chapter 6, verses 1-10 the Epistle of Paul the
Apostle to the Galatians

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." This passage of scripture taken from the letter of Paul to the Church of Galatia fits in almost perfectly with what we are trying to do. It shows us our attitude, or what should be our attitude, toward one another. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault----" That is, help the person to see. Do it not with boasting or pride, but in the spirit of meekness. But we are also told that each one shall bear his own burden. That means in a large measure that we are going to have to pay for what we do. If we do the right thing it comes back in the way of a reward. If we do the wrong thing that will come back to us. Then Paul sums it up in the most complete way I have ever seen it summed up: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Then he goes on to explain that if we sow the things temporal we reap corruption. In other words, if we sin we must suffer; if we sow to the spirit then we will reap an everlasting reward. If a man plants corn he will get corn; if a person sows wickedness in thought or deed he is going to reap the reward of what he sows. There is no way out of it. The kind of lives ^{we} live determine the reward we receive. Live right not because it pays but because there is burning within your soul a desire to do the right thing. Then the right kind of reward will come.

If you neglect your work you are almost sure to reap a harvest of fives. If you stick to your work and do every task given you in the run of a day or a quarter you are sure to reap a good grade. There are, of course, some students who are not prepared, or who, working as earnestly as they can, can't quite make

it. But those haven't failed though they get a failing mark. They have won just the same. The great thing in life is not the mark you get--don't misinterpret me, I think that is important--but the great thing is the effort you put forth. If he plants he will reap and he will reap the same kind of harvest he sows; this runs all through human life. If you want friends you must be friendly. If you want folks to love you you must love others. If you want to make good in life you must sow the seed that leads toward that. You must be honest with yourself, and that is about the most difficult kind of honesty, in this life; honest in your thinking as well as honest in deeds. Be entirely sincere and candid with yourself. It does one good to stop occasionally and turn his eyes back and look at himself. Keep on looking until you see yourself and see what manner of human being you are, and judge yourself in an honest, straightforward way. If you have never tried this, try it sometime and you will be surprised.

We are going to reap what we plant, and each person is going to be held responsible for ^{his} deeds, thoughts, and feelings; for deeds, thoughts, and feelings are what we are sowing, and we are going to reap what we sow.