

# Sowing and Reaping

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*The sermon emphasizes the biblical principle of sowing and reaping, highlighting the importance of wise speech, parental discipline, and the sanctity of marriage.*

**Duration:** 33:19

**Scripture:** Proverbs 15:1-3, Proverbs 15:5, Proverbs 15:21-22, Galatians 6:7

**Topics:** "Gods Sovereignty", "Moral Accountability"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of recognizing that God is always watching over us. He shares a story of a father and son who plan to cut a log on someone else's property, but the son reminds the father that God sees everything, causing them to abandon their plan. The preacher also highlights that God knows our thoughts and intentions, as demonstrated by Jesus' ability to perceive people's thoughts during his time on earth. The sermon further discusses the significance of treating one's spouse with love and respect, as it reflects the image of Christ. The preacher also addresses the negative consequences of smoking and immoral behavior.

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## Transcript

Now to the text I'll read the text and and I'll speak on the points that the bridegroom gave me. I won't be able to read the whole text. I won't read the whole text passage that he gave me because we read 33 verses.

We'll be here till tomorrow morning, but I'll just read some of the verses and touch on some of the points. But I'd like to request you to go home and to go and read this passage prayerfully. We read from Proverbs chapter 15.

Shall we pray? Be with us Lord, speak to us through your holy word. Amen. Verse one.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Verse two. The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

Verse three. The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Verse five.

A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence. Verse ten. Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path.

He who hates correction will die. Verse 21. Folly delights a man who lacks judgment, but a man of understanding keeps a straight course.

Verse 22. Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Verse 23.

I'd just like to speak very briefly on these points which the bridegroom is passing on to you. That you'll also understand why it is and how it is that he has been successful and reached to this day. It says a gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

What does that mean? The first thing. A gentle answer turns away wrath. If a person comes to you angry and hot under the collar and boiling, then if you answer that person gently, then you take all that anger away from him.

And you pull the carpet from under his feet. God says what you sow you'll reap. If you go to a person angry, angrily, then that is what you'll reap immediately from that person.

If you give a hard answer, then you'll reap anger and wrath. And then that word is fulfilled. That which a person sows, he will reap.

If you go into a room full of people and you just come in there disrespectfully and you swear and you're angry, then that's the same kind of thing you'll reap. Sow that which is harsh and you'll reap that which is harsh. But if you go into a room and you're friendly, you smile, you greet everybody, immediately they'll smile back at you, they'll greet you back, and you'll immediately reap that which you've sown.

Some of that you'll reap immediately and some of it only after years. Now the Bible says God is not mocked. That which a person sows you'll reap.

So if you as young people go around and you're disrespectful, then the children that you bring into this world will be like that, only worse. It should be difficult for a Christian young person to know how to live in this world, in this corrupt world, because they'll know that which I am, that is what my children will be like. That which I do, that is what I'll reap.

Be very careful about what you say and how you go about things and what you think about. The Bible says God is not mocked. That which you sow, you will reap.

Verse 2, The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. The bridegroom wrote here, Those who fear God, their tongues speak that which is a building to others. But you get people that even though they're not children anymore physically, but they just speak a lot of nonsense.

Verse 3, Those who fear God, they ask before they speak, that which I'm going to say, will it be a building? But those who don't fear God, they speak all manner of filth. And the mouth runs over from that of which the heart is full. So if you speak about that which is filthy, that means your heart is full of it.

Verse 3, The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Everybody needs to understand and know that whatever you say, God is busy looking on and taking notice of that. And take note of the fact that God is keeping watch over us.

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They got there, the father glanced in all directions, he said, well nobody's seeing us, let's cut this log. And the son said, Father, you've looked in this direction and that direction all around us, but there's one direction you've forgotten to look. You haven't looked up, because God is looking on, God is watching us.

And when the father heard that, his hands just fell limp next to his sides, he started trembling and he said, my son, let's take our things, let's go home. Verse 5, You lock all the doors, you close the curtains, you make sure that you're all on your own there, and you forget that whilst you're busy with your sin there, God is busy looking on. The eye of the Most High is upon you.

Verse 6, There's nothing hidden or just covered up before his eyes. According to Luke 12, that which is whispered behind closed doors will be shouted out on the rooftops. God sees everything, even the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men.

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When Jesus was talking with people on this earth, he could see what they were thinking in their hearts. you busy having your boyfriends and your girlfriends and on that day of judgment everything will come to light even before your husband and before the minister you who you brought into marriage verse 5 is a fool spurns his father's discipline but whoever heeds correction shows prudence that's why things are as they are in the world today that is why things are as they are amongst young people today because they spurned their father's discipline and his they don't listen they don't hear what he says to them and that's why they did their rubbish you can give them all sorts of names that you like they go out into the world they run away from home go to the cities and there they do their

own thing but let me tell you you are going to end up facing a very difficult day in your life the Bible says why they spurned their father's discipline it's because they are fools you are the greatest fool in this world if you don't heed your father's correction but whoever heeds correction shows prudence but we don't like to be corrected if you want to be a man then pay heed to a father's discipline and his correction and also the correction of your mother if you don't do that as long as there is a God in heaven let me tell you things won't go well in your life they'll only be curses and bad luck that comes in your direction the Bible says Jesus said I know your father and your mother that is the first commandment of the promise so that it might go well with you and be well with you in

this world many people die before their time because they've never honored and obeyed the parents you children who run away from your parents discipline and correction at home you'll be licked by the flames of hell before you've even died why are you still in this world no matter where you might go to on the face of the earth which university you might go to doesn't matter what salary you might earn all of that will come to naught because your parents commands and instruction and discipline was like rubbish to you you will



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