

## *Reflections with Sharon*

### **We reap what we sow**

*Read Galatians 6:7-10*

Every day that we live, we are sowing seeds that will one day yield a harvest, because as we all know, we reap what we sow. That's God's rule and we see it in operation every single day, not only in the natural world around us, but in the spiritual realm as well. If we plant beans, we know we'll reap beans, not carrots. We plant corn, we reap corn; we plant potatoes, we reap potatoes. In the same way, the good that we do gives birth to good and the bad that we do begets bad. There are consequences to all our actions; the choices we make today will affect our future. That's something we must always bear in mind when we begin to feel invincible. To think we can sow one thing and reap another is mere self-deception. None of us is above God's law.

When my children were little, I taught them to avoid playing with fire and hot surfaces. They learnt to avoid dangerous situations like playing in the street, fighting, following strangers and taking what does not belong to them. As they grew older I taught them to avoid bad company, have good manners, study hard, respect authority and develop good habits. Why? Because every parent knows we become tomorrow what we're doing today. The actions our children establish today are the building blocks of their destiny. That's why we must be so careful how we live our lives each and every day.

Sometimes we see people who lead very wicked lives: They defraud others, they cheat and steal and abuse their power; they seem to have no regard for God or man. All of us know people like that. They're as mean as can be, but they're rich, influential and powerful and seem to have everything they could possibly want. Does that mean they have defied the principle of God? Of course not! While we can't deny that some bad people have it a lot better than many good people, it would be a grave mistake for us to fix our gaze on this life only. The fact that evil people may prosper in this world, does not mean they will prosper in the hereafter. We must remember the matter of eternity. This life is not all there is and God's law must prevail.

We should not allow ourselves to be distracted by the prosperity of bad people, but should concern ourselves with pointing people to God's way of doing things. Because in time, we will all realise that the prosperity of the wicked was but an illusion. It's simply a matter of time before we all reap what we've sown.