



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Living Large

3 John 2 (NKJV) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Deuteronomy 7:13 (NIV) ¹³ He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land your grain, new wine and olive oil— the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

- Promise was to Abraham the father of the Jewish nation. The Book of Galatians, written to non-Jewish people declares because of faith in Christ – we are of the seed of Abraham – heirs of the promise – Abraham's blessing are mine!

B. Introduced the idea of **spiritual laws**.

- **The first two were the Law of wisdom and faith**

Wisdom – The ability to apply the knowledge **CORRECTLY**.

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Proverbs 9:10 (TLB) For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

II. THE LAW OF USE AND THE HARVEST

A. It's Karma!

Galatians 6:7 (CJB) ⁷ Don't delude yourselves: no one makes a fool of God! A person reaps what he sows.

- **Your harvest in life is determined by the seeds that you sow**

Galatians 6:8 (CJB) ⁸ Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit everlasting life.

B. You have a choice as to how you'll work this law – sow to the spirit or flesh



1 Peter 3:9 (NLT) ⁹ Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

- You can't continually violate one part of the law while expecting the other part to work

1 Peter 3:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.

- **Here's how you plant seeds**
 - **The words you speak**
 - **The Attitudes you possess**
 - **Prov 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.**
 - **The Actions you take**

C. Five things you need to know about this law

- You reap **WHAT** you sow
- You reap **WHERE** you sow
- You reap **AFTER** you sow
- You reap **MORE** than you sow
- You reap in **PROPORTION** to what you sow

Proverbs 11:24-25 (ESV) ²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

D. Sometimes you reap where you didn't sow

- Don't harvest the corners of the field (Principle in Lev 23)
 - Don't fully harvest the field leave the corners – so others would eat of it
 - Sometimes we participate in a harvest because of association
- Sometimes things happen in life because things happen in life
- Keep planting good seeds – that's the future you're going to live in

Galatians 6:9-10 (CJB) ⁹ So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest. ¹⁰ Therefore, as the opportunity arises, let us do what is good to everyone, and especially to the family of those who are trustingly faithful.



III. CLOSE

A. The law of Use (Use it or lose it)

Matthew 25:29 (ICB) ²⁹ Everyone who uses what he has will get more. He will have much more than he needs. But the one who does not use what he has will have everything taken away from him.'

B. God has given you gifts – natural and spiritual

- Each servant made a choice to use or not use the talent
- God gives us a gift and time to use it but eventually he'll ask what we've done
- You get to choose if and how -