

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

Fill our world with beauty...dealing with sin and all its fruit

KEY POINT: In time a beautiful life brings beauty to the world around us

TEXT: Galatians 6:7-10

Galatians: Paul's letter to the churches in the province of Galatia whose confidence in their own ability became a stumbling block for faith

Salvation by faith in our works

Salvation by faith in His work

- **We've been created to make a difference**

Not our works but His work in and through us

The good in our lives flows from the goodness of His Spirit

Galatians 5:13-15: Serving one another in love...

- **Today's activities impact tomorrow's actualities**

Our faith sets things in motion:

God cannot be mocked, a man reaps what he sows...

Mocked: lit. to turn up the snout/nose at

The kind of world God made: Sowing and reaping

Wishful thinking: our harvest is not connected to what we've sown

Ignorance: don't realize that our actions set things in motion

Arrogance: we don't have to eat the fruit of our actions

It's different for me... (rationalize)

- **We've need to make peace with the process**

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

Doing good (kalos – good, beautiful, pleasant; in a moral sense: excellent, morally beautiful deed)

Perseverance – keep on doing the beautiful thing...don't become weary

Patience – in its time

"He has made everything beautiful in its time." Ecc. 3:11

Expressions of faith: recognizing the power of the seed and trusting the

Creator
Making peace with the process...

Living a beautiful life:

1. See and Seize Opportunities

Opportunity to bring beauty to the world around us
There's a beautiful harvest to be gathered if we are willing to sow
Even in ugly situations

Willing to get involved – sown seeds of good

2. Offer the “good” stuff

Jesus at a wedding: turns water into wine
“You have saved the best till now...”

His best was the expression of His heart

Reflecting His best: love, mercy, grace, truth, etc.
Not because others deserve it but because His love demands it

3. Work with expectation

Our actions are making a difference

Adjust our expectations: patience and perseverance

CONCLUSION

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IMAGINE: bringing life and beauty downstream

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the household of faith.”