



The Believer's Production

Production is first seen in the book of Galatians with the Apostle Paul evangelizing. The fruit of production in evangelizing is the salvation of souls. This is viewed by many today as the greatest part of the production of the believer. However, this is a false concept.

Production follows adequate preparation. Galatians 1 depicts Paul as thoroughly prepared before he began his evangelizing ministry besides the further ministry of teaching and edifying. The production of a believer is the source of blessing to other believers who may only hear about it. Gal. 1:24.

"And they were glorifying God because of me." (Galatians 1:24, NASB)

The production of a believer is directly related to their spiritual gift and being in the right niche. Gal. 2. This is based on the concept of Paul vindicating the spiritual gift that he had with his production and that with the Gentiles. Production will vary at different levels of spiritual gift development. In Galatians 1, we find Paul evangelizing. In Galatians 2, we find him trouble-shooting a problem. In Galatians 3, we find him doing much teaching and explaining. The book of Galatians itself is the production of writing the text of Scripture itself.

Production is not dependent upon reputation. The production of the believer is not a result of some human good system of works or programs. It is by the principle of grace and faith. Gal. 2; Gal. 3:5.

"So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?" (Galatians 3:5, NASB)

In production, the believer often has to curtail their liberty so that it will not rise up and overthrow the very thing that they are trying to accomplish. This is operation of the law of supreme sacrifice. Gal. 5:13. See category on [Laws for Doubtful Things](#).

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13, NASB)

One of the hazards of the believer in production is the temptation to keep operating out of fellowship rather than getting back into fellowship or stopping until they do. This is particularly true today because of the countless number of men in the ministry who do not understand and believe the principle of 1 John 1:9 and confessing sin biblically.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9, NASB)

In Galatians, two types of production stand out. First, the production of the old sin nature called the works of the flesh, and secondly, the production of the Spirit called the fruit of the Spirit. The production of the fruit of the Spirit is the result of the filling of the Spirit. The production of the believer in fellowship is a result of the spiritual gift capacity. Gal. 5:17-23.

"For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:17-23, NASB)

Paul does not make the production of the Galatian believers in their spiritual gift capacity an issue because their problem centered with the production of the Spirit. Legalism is the enemy of the filling of the Spirit. It is foolish to talk about production of the spiritual gift unless there is production of the fruit of the Spirit. A believer cannot have spiritual gift production without the filling of the Holy Spirit.

However, a believer can have filling of the Spirit without having spiritual gift production. Spiritual gift production depends not only on the filling of the Spirit, but also upon proper motivation, doctrinal content in their soul, spiritual growth and maturity.

There are general factors of spiritual production common to all believers and then specific functions that relate to believers with certain spiritual gifts. In Galatians 6:2-10, we have some of the general functions of production common to all believers. However, there are certain production factors that relate to specific communication and leadership gifts.

"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each one will bear his own load. The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." (Galatians 6:2-10, NASB)

The pastor-teacher in his proper spiritual gift production is worthy of support from those who prosper from his ministry. In Galatians 6:6, "share" is κοινώνέω (koinōneō) and means to come into communion or fellowship with, to become a sharer, be made a partner. This has to do with the matter of responsible sharing of financial needs. Continued production requires patience and endurance and there will be the harvest. Production is always a natural function of a supernatural capacity and ability. Production is never or should never be a forced function. Gal. 6:9.

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