Dad, the Farmer

Read: Galatians 6:1-10

Text: Galatians 6:7 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

**Introduction:** I wanted to preach about being a Godly Father this morning. The scripture in Galatians talks about the Godly man.

**I. The Godly man is in the restoration business.** He restores a mixed up brother meekly (Gal 6:1). This verse tells us that he is aware of his own propensity to fall. He is strong but not demeaning or arrogant when he confronts the wrong in his brother. He has tears in his eyes and an ache in his heart. I once heard someone critiquing a preacher from television. They said: “He always smiles when he tells you that you’re going to hell.” How much more effective he might have been if he had revealed a Godly sorrow for the lost he was trying to reach.

**II. The Godly man obeys God by helping burdened people.** In the

Second verse we are told that fulfilling the law of Christ is shown when we carry our brother’s burden. It’s not our burden so for most of us it’s not our problem. We hear about a brother or sister whose marriage is headed for divorce and we remonstrate. We talk about how they could have acted differently to save their marriage but we make no attempt to help because it’s none of our business; don’t want to take sides (you know). Someone is arrested for DUI and we discuss it with a friend. We can’t believe it; didn’t know he even drank. But we are reluctant to get involved. After all he shouldn’t have been drinking in the first place. Would it be too much to go and pray with him? What would it hurt for him to have a brother who cared at that time?

**III. The Godly man thinks humbly.** When we are nothing it is not hard to help another who we deem to be a nothing. It is when we are filled with pride that we deceive ourselves into not helping others.

**IV. The Godly man is careful what he plants in his life.** I listened to part of a message by John Maxwell, this week, and was struck with the idea of sowing and reaping in relation to fathers and their children. In the scriptures we find David who secretly sowed adultery and murder. He reaped one a daughter raped , 2 murdered sons and 10 of his wives raped. His right hand man (Joab) murdered two trusted servants of David as well. We also read of Jacob who sowed deception of his father (a lie that lasted 10 minutes). He reaped extreme deception from his sons (lies that lasted over 20 years [at least]). Noah was a faithful preacher of righteousness. He reaped deliverance for himself and family while the rest of the world perished. It behooves us to take a look inside of our hearts this morning and ask ourselves what seeds are being sowed in our family and workplace?

**V. The Godly man treats others well.** In the 10th verse we read: “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men,* especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” If you need a ride and I can give it I should do it. If you need money and I have it I should help you out. If you need a job and I can point you to where someone is hiring I should do it. If you are hungry and I can offer food then I should feed you. Being Godly is more than having a serious pious look on my face and muttering praises to God. Being Godly is doing good to all but especially to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I really believe that one of the biggest failures of the Christian community today is that we have abdicated our duty to help the poor to the state; then we complain about how inefficient the state is.

**Conclude:** It is a shame that a sermon like this even needs to be preached. I mean this is all common sense and Biblical milk. We are missing out on the opportunity to please God and positively affect our community for Christ by our selfishness. What better way is there to demonstrate to the world how wonderful it is to be a Christian than by them seeing us genuinely love and care for each other.