

"The Gift that Keeps On Giving" Dec 20, 2023

I. **Galatians 6:7-10**

A. Your life today is a product of yesterday's seeds.

1. Every seed produces a harvest (good and bad).
2. Tonight...
 - We will check our hearts...
 - We will check every seed (that has been planted and will be)...
 - We will determine to make any necessary changes for the new year.

B. ***Weariness and Discontent***

1. A major problem among believers today (Tired of people, tired of government, tired of everything).
2. If you want to live a happy and peaceful life...satisfied and content...you must have purpose, and the greatest way to fulfill that purpose in your life is to GIVE!

C. Opportunity

1. We have opportunities every day, but we don't take advantage of them because we are too caught up in our own lives!
2. Has the church forgotten this powerful truth: **Acts 20:35** "*Support the weak...it is more blessed to give than to receive.*"

II. Finding the Good...Fulfilling the Law of Love

A. **John 15:10-13**

1. Notice what Jesus said: "I have spoken these things so you might have joy...full joy!"
2. When we understand what love is and how to implement the action of love in everything we do, that's where real joy exists.
 - Even if someone doesn't appreciate your act of love, your obedience to God is all that should matter.
 - Remember, "Love never fails."

B. Who is your neighbor? **Luke 10:25-37**

1. The fast-paced world puts us in a mindset to where we miss some of the real needs that people have. (**James 1:27** "*Pure religion and undefiled is visiting the fatherless...*")
2. Who have you helped lately? **Matthew 25:40**
3. Mercy - Compassion