



**SERIES: WE ARE FREE (A Study of Galatians) December 2022 – January 2023**

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**Scripture: Galatians 6:7-8**

**TITLE: Your Power Source**

If you had a choice between a little handheld flashlight that you had to crank 30 times for 10 seconds worth of power or you had a lamp that would never run out of light and power, which would you choose? I would bet anything you'd take the lamp that never stops working. I mean, who in their right mind would want one of those stupid, dinky flashlights you have to crank continually to get just a second of power?

But if we're not careful in our spiritual walk we will default to the hand crank when we actually have access to unlimited power. What is the source of power and how do we use it?

Well the Apostle Paul will talk about this today in Galatians chapter 6 beginning in verse seven.

*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he 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.*

Paul is using a great metaphor here. It's the metaphor of farming. If you sow sunflower seeds we know you will harvest sunflowers. If we sow pumpkin seeds we know we're going to harvest pumpkins. That's common sense.

But these are simply metaphors that he's using. The question he wants us to ask is, what kind of life do we want to be known for? A life that's lived for ourselves, or for God? It's like using that hand cranked flashlight: It's a lot of effort and it never really works.

As a Christian you want your life to be known for walking with God and walking in His power. You see when we live a life of sin, a life of selfishness, we are mocking God. We are saying, "God I don't care about who You are or what You've done. God I don't trust You and Your Word. I trust myself, so I will do it my way in my time as I please." The problem is, when we live life by our own power, we are destined to fail. It's like choosing the stupid hand crank light when we actually have the source for true light and never-ending power right at our fingertips!

This has been Paul's big argument for the whole book of Galatians. The problem is with the most important thing of life – namely our relationship with God – we cannot do it on our own. Religion is a game and we will fail every time. But God in His grace offers us true power and unlimited light.

Here at Back to the Bible we are passionate about seeing people resist the darkness and engage the light. As Christians we never need to live life in the darkness. We never need to try to do life on our own. God has promised us life, and life to the fullest through His son Jesus Christ.

As we grow spiritually our desire will decrease for the hand crank flashlight. Our desire will decrease from trying to live life on our own, apart from God. We will desire the light more and more. We will rest in God's sufficient power and grace. That is why we will reap eternal life - because we are truly heirs of the King. Not only will we be His heirs, we will live like it as well.

Today, my challenge for you is: Don't settle for short-term fixes. Allow God's Word to penetrate your heart and mind. That's the unending source of power. Today by God's power and in God's grace, engage the light. Today resist the darkness and engage the light.