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# Introduction:

Time has a way of judging our life choices and sometimes leaves us with a sense of bitter disappointment.

**Text:** Galatians 6:7-10

**Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.**

**Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction;**

**whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.**

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

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**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

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Galatians 6:7-10

**Text: Luke 12:13-21**

**Someone in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the  
inheritance with me.”**

**Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed  
me a judge or an arbiter between  
you?”**

**Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."**

**And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.**

**He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'**

**"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.**

**And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."**

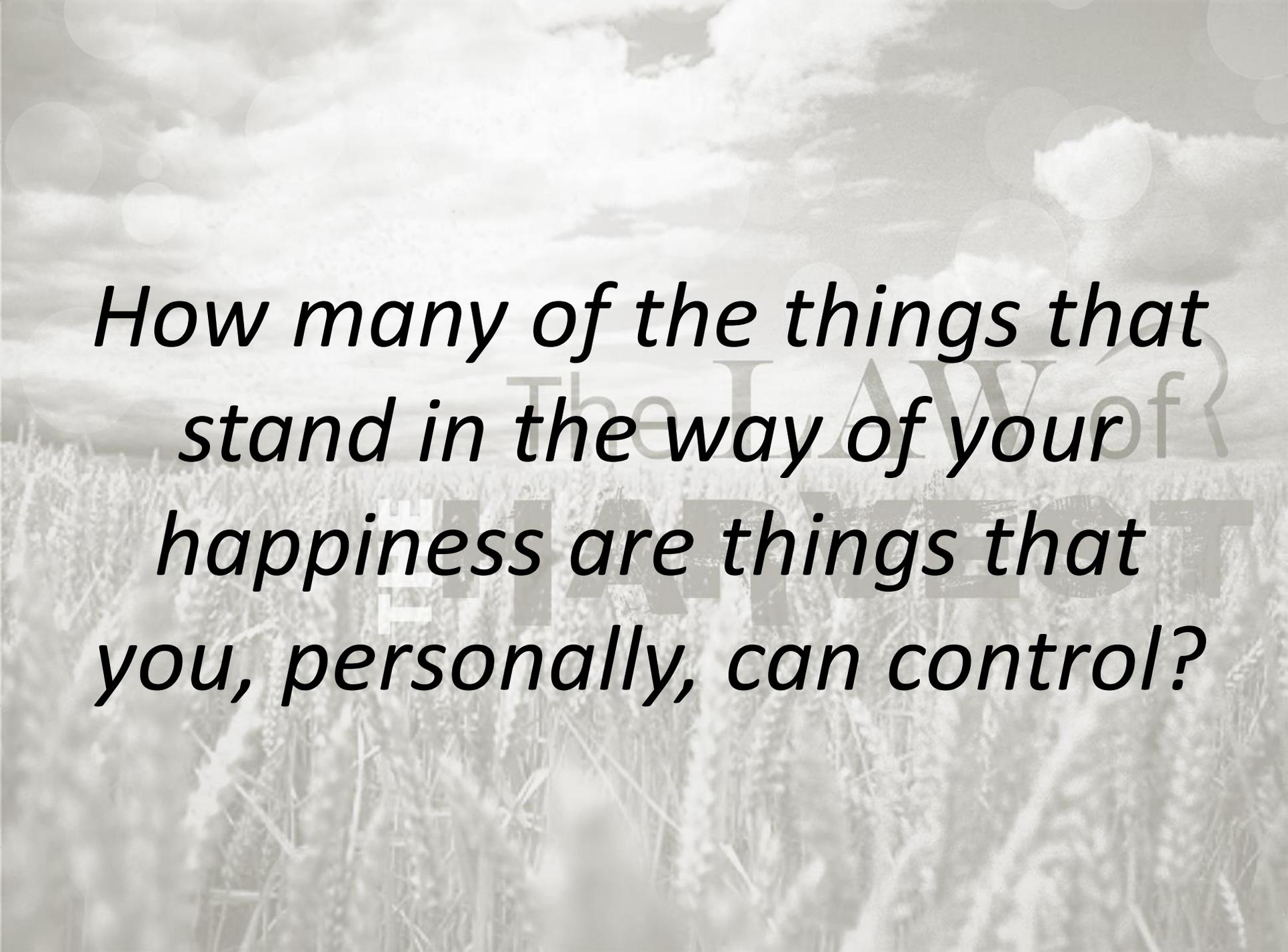
**"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'**

**“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”**

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When asked what they want most in life, most people will answer, “Happiness.” Happiness, however, is based on external **CIRCUMSTANCES**, which are subject to **CHANGE** and are often beyond our **CONTROL**.



*How many of the things that stand in the way of your happiness are things that you, personally, can control?*

The Law of Sameness is that you don't reap  
what you **WISH**, but what you **SOW**!

Most Americans want **SPIRITUAL**  
blessings, but are sowing the wrong seed!

Too often:

We say, “You can’t **BUY** happiness,” then pursue **SUCCESS** as if we can!

We know our bodies are **MORTAL**,  
but live as if the **FLESH** is all we have  
(our flesh is a depreciating asset)!

Too often:

We pray for a Christ-like spirit, but allow ourselves to be drawn into a spirit of

**FEAR** and **ANGER** as we pursue

personal **DOMINANCE**.

The Fruit of the Spirit include **LOVE**,  
**JOY**, and **PEACE**.

These qualities are present whenever we  
allow the Holy Spirit to completely **FILL**  
our lives and **CONTROL** every part  
of us!

If we desire the Fruit of the Spirit, we must sow to the **SPIRIT**, rather than the **FLESH**. We do this when we:

Spend **TIME** alone with God, nurturing our spiritual life (sow to the flesh, reap corruption).

If we desire the Fruit of the Spirit, we must sow to the **SPIRIT**, rather than the **FLESH**. We do this when we:

Deliberately choose to **OBEY** God in every area of our life (Sow trust, reap blessing).

If we desire the Fruit of the Spirit, we must sow to the **SPIRIT**, rather than the **FLESH**. We do this when we:

**GIVE**, trading **MONEY** for **MEANING** and **SUCCESS** for **SIGNIFICANCE** (Sow selfishness, reap emptiness).



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