

Ridin' For The Brand: Up The Galatians Trail

Lessons From The Trail

1. Days pay for a days work

Galatians 6:6 Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.

1 Corinthians 9:11-12 Since we have planted spiritual seed among you, aren't we entitled to a harvest of physical food and drink? **(12)** If you support others who preach to you, shouldn't we have an even greater right to be supported? But we have never used this right. We would rather put up with anything than be an obstacle to the Good News about Christ.

1 Timothy 5:17-18 Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. **(18)** For the Scripture says, "You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain." And in another place, "Those who work deserve their pay!"

2. Reflecting on Trail justice

Galatians 6:7-8 Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. **(8)** Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

1 Kings 21:17-19 But the LORD said to Elijah, **(18)** "Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He will be at Naboth's vineyard in Jezreel, claiming it for himself. **(19)** Give him this message: 'This is what the LORD says: Wasn't it enough that you killed Naboth? Must you rob him, too? Because you have done this, dogs will lick your blood at the very place where they licked the blood of Naboth!'"

1 John 2:28 And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.

3. Takin' hold of Trail Encouragement

Galatians 6:9-10 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. **(10)** Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

1 Peter 3:9-12 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. **(10)** For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. **(11)** Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. **(12)** The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."