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Intro. Law that operates in many realms. (1) Law taken from an agricultural figure. Don't sow corn and get tomatoes. (2) True in physical or natural realm. Don't take care of body get sick. (3) True in material realm. This is what brot it to P's mind, v 6; 2 Cor9:6. (4) Applies in spiritual realm. This is principal use of it in passage. If flesh in cultivated it produces corruption; if spirit, life. Death or life is product of the way we cultivate our lives.

By illus I want to show some of the ramifications of this law.

I. The Certainty of it.

*It is a certain Law*

A. Flesh reaping death. Babylonian captivity.

2 Chron 36:21; Jer 25:11. Seems like God would forget in all that time. Still less than 490 yrs since Columbus discovered Amer. e.g. fellow drops out of PCB to get married. He gets into another school or gets a church and assumes that God forgets. But all his life his lack of discipline, intemperance, what he missed plagues him. History not erased tho forgiveness assured, e.g. sleep thru class and miss notes.

The law brings certain results.

B. Spirit reaping life. Also in captivity. Daniel.

Sowed life right at beginning, 1:8 and reaped it thruout his life. Habit of praying 3x day 6:10 formed in youth. Fight now to being devotions. If don't sow regular ones now at beg. of sem. won't reap them during exam week when pressure is on. If do, law says /you will reap them later

II. The Ramifications of it.

*Outreach*

*It is a contagious law*

Law doesn't operate in a vacuum. It always affects others. Sow petunias, reap them but a lot of them and pretty soon they take over. Same with weeds. Same in spiritual things.

A. Flesh reaping death. Ishmael. Abr had a promise but tried to Help fulfill it in flesh. Ishmael born.

Note effects. Hagar hated Sarah. Ishmael cast out. Married 21:21 had 12 sons and 1 daughter, 25:13-15.

Esau married daughter, 28:9. Gen 16:12 says in presence of brethren means Ish independent from all desc. of Abr. And indeed it was od, 21:14. Arabs today and look at trouble bet Arab and Jew.

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Jas 1:15 but when is sin finished? Your influence in school will affect others. Esp. upperclassmen.

B. Spirit reaping life. Think of line of seed.

Abr 18, Jac and beyond physical line think of spiritual seed. In thee all families blessed. Your good influence will affect others. Usually harder to exert it. *Down. Work.*

Concl. A year lies before each. You will reap what you sow. True of grades, true of growth, character. Sowing begins with little seeds. Then cultivate and water then reap. Begins with good resolves, little things, study, devotions, good works, then discipline (cultivation), then fruit.

*Grades Comm. reaps (grain)  
of what you sow.*