

Self-Deception Galatians 6:7-9

It is easy to deceive ourselves

Scriptures warn against being deceived **V 7 - 1Corinthians 3:18; 15:33; Galatians 6:3; James 1:22; 1John 1:8**
Personal experiences teach this lesson

We avoid facing unpleasant truths; justify inappropriate acts; rationalize away personal guilt
Cruel folly to deceive self, we will face facts sooner or later - **2Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27;**
Ecclesiastes 12:14

Paul touches on 3 illusions among professed Christians

God Can Be Mocked V 7

(mock = to turn up nose at or treat with contempt)

God is not mocked, cannot ignore law without punishment - **Romans 2:6-11**

God cannot be deceived - **Hebrews 4:12-13**

Adam and Eve tried - **Genesis 2-3**

Achan concealed sin from others, but not God - **Joshua 7**

Ananias and Sapphira tried - **Acts 5**

Jonah tried to run from God

There is nowhere we can go to hide - **Psalms 139:7-13**

God's Law Of Harvest Can Be Broken V 8

God instituted law of harvest, we cannot change it - **Genesis 8:22**

Whatever we sow we will reap **V 7 - Romans 8:13**

We can sow to the flesh or Spirit **V 8 - 2Timothy 4:6-8**

One cannot neglect God's law without consequences - **Hebrews 2:1-3**

Law for life - **John 10:10**

Spiritual life in Christ - **Ephesians 1:3**

Must follow law to get into Christ - **John 14:6**

There is no other way - **Matthew 7:21; Jeremiah 10:23**

Law for continued growth - **1Peter 2:2; 2Peter 3:18**

Eat regularly to live, grow by feeding on God's word, strengthened through memorial Christ
instituted - **Acts 20:7**

Cannot forsake works of Spirit & expect to reap life everlasting - **Romans 8:13**

Some say let the young people sow their wild oats - If they sow wild oats, they will reap wild oats

All The Fruits Of Our Behavior Are Immediate V 9

We look primarily beyond the present for reward - **Mark 10:29-31; 1Corinthians 15:19**

Must not mistake God's present tolerance for full harvest - **2Peter 3:9-10**

May escape wrath of parents, law and society, but not God

Worldly may think "gotten by" if receive no immediate harm and sins are overlooked by brethren
-- not so

The "mild" transgressor may fancy himself smart for "playing both sides" -- only fooling or
deceiving himself - **Hebrews 4:12-13; Ecclesiastes 12:14**

We Must Face Facts

God cannot be mocked, we cannot deceive God.

God's law of harvest can't be broken - what we sow we reap

All the punishment or reward for our deeds are not immediate - the punishment we receive here is
not all, neither is the rewards we receive here all that there is

Many deceive themselves into believing the reverse of these are true -- we need to wake up to
these facts, quit deceiving ourselves and apply ourselves to God's service today.