

## SELF-WILL, NEGLECT AND SPIRITUAL ENERGY

This message is for believers in the Lord Jesus. If you are not a believer, read the following verse and please consider seriously what it says and believe what it says lest you perish forever.

John 3:16: « *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* »

### SELF-WILL

Now, if you are a believer, I would like to compare your life to a plot of land ready to be planted with good seed to bear fruit for God. How foolish it would be to plant in it thorns and thistles and all sorts of weeds. Our natural will is opposed to God's will and letting our will exercise power over our decisions and activities is like doing just that: sowing voluntarily bad things with the obvious reaping of bad things. This would be a very foolish thing to do. "*He that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption*" (Galatians 6:8a).

### NEGLECT

But suppose you leave the plot of land empty without sowing anything. What would grow naturally in it? Nothing but weeds and useless plants, of course! Weeds don't need to be sown, the wind will take care of bringing them into your plot. "*While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat*" (Matthew 13:25). And even if you sow good seeds, without continual removal of undesired shoots, your crop would be limited and your fruit small and underdeveloped.

### SPIRITUAL ENERGY

As any gardener will tell you, a garden needs attending, fertilizing and frequent watering especially if it does not rain enough. So as believers, we need to sow good seeds, thoughts and practical applications of the Word of God. "*He that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting*" (Galatians 6:8b). We need self-judgment, to get rid of any self-will in what we allow in our lives and also pluck out anything that has inadvertently found an entrance into our life. "*Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life*" (Proverbs 4:23). We water our garden through prayers and dependence and fertilize it by reading and applying the Word of God. God has given us a new life capable of producing fruit for Him. It is the life of Jesus and our life should be characterized by behaviours and habits similar to His.

So do not sow what is inappropriate, do not neglect self-judgment, that is, not allowing anything to enter or subsist that is inappropriate. Let the Spirit of God give energy to sow, maintain and fertilize your garden! Then we would be as the garden of the Lord mentioned in Song of Solomon 4:12: "*A garden inclosed... a fountain sealed. Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits*". May it be so with your garden and mine.

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