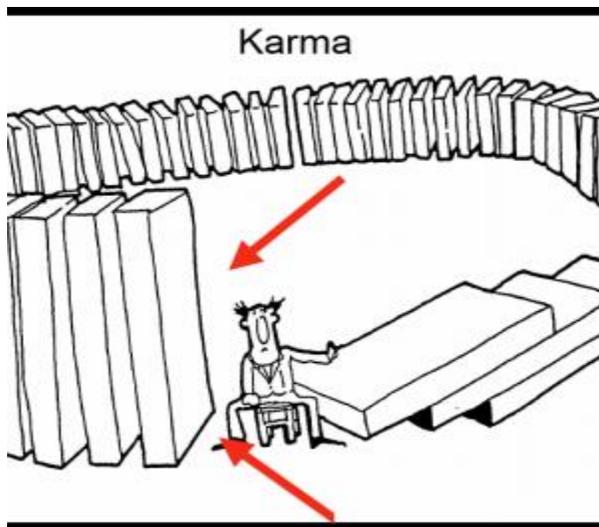


Memory Verse: 3:2

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Review: When People Rub You the Wrong Way

Lesson 7 What You Do Comes Back to You



Discuss the picture!

Buddhist believe in Karma. The basic principle behind their teaching of Karma means what you issue out comes back to you in another life. It is a popular belief even today. Compton's dictionary says that karma is "the totality of a person's actions in any one of the successive stages of that person's existence, thought of determining the fate of the next stage."

In other words, they believe, how you behave in this life determines the quality of life in your next life. They believe what you reap in eternity is what you sow in life. How false?

What's the difference between Karma and what the Scripture teaches?

Read Galatians 6:7-8 and Colossians 3:25.

Supporting Scriptures:

Read Romans 2:6, Proverbs 1:31, Job 4:8

Our Two Options

Let's apply the principle of Galatians 6:7-8

What happens when we sow to our flesh?

What happens when we sow to our spirit?

Life is made up of choices. Life is a series of decisions we make, and whatever choice we make, we must live with the result of that decision. Therefore when making a choice, we must be aware of how our choice will affect the future outcomes of our lives.

Read Colossians 3:17-25

Did you hear the words, “as unto the Lord” in verse 17. Verse 17 sets the verses that follow in context. The words have a direct impact on the words that follow. We should fulfill all of our tasks “as unto the Lord.”

The apostle Paul teaches that we are to work as though we are “working for the Lord and not for people.” This means no job is too small; no job is too menial; no job is too insignificant when you have the right motive and perspective. We should think, “I’m doing it for God; I’m doing this job as if I’m doing it for the Lord.” Wow!

How does this make you feel about the quality of your service you render unto the Lord?

Children, Wives, Husbands and Slaves

- What happens when children disobey their parents?
- What happens when wives don’t submit to their husbands?
- What happens when men don’t love their wives?
- What happens when slaves don’t obey and respect their masters?
- What is the common thread?

Define obedience-

Read Deut. 11:26-28

What is the end result for those who obey? What is the end result for those who disobey?

So, as Christians we should perform our jobs or our assignments to the best of our abilities not because we are looking for advancement or recognition but to **please God**.

How can you do this and reap the rewards the Lord has promised?

Let’s go back to the beginning. Read chapter 3:1...”If then, you be risen with Christ.”

Notice everything is hinged on your new relationship with Christ.

It literally means put to death your old ways. Throughout this study we have been repeatedly mentioning taking off the old and putting on the new. Everything is based around the “**if**”!

Please understand Paul is not using the “if” as an expression of doubt. It is a conditional clause and it speaks to your relationship with Christ. The things we are studying can be difficult to live out in our own strength. However, we can do all things through Christ who strengthen us.