

**How Did This Happen?
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Word of Faith**

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Question: Did you have anything to do with your current circumstances?

Side Question: Did you make choices that contributed to your circumstances?

Text: Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

Note: The Guidelines

- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever** a man sows, **that** he will also reap.
- 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the **flesh** reap corruption, but he who sows to the **Spirit** will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

A. Keep an eye on your **whatever** and your **that**

B. Keep an eye on your **flesh** and your willingness to listen to the **Spirit** (or God's influence)

Note: The Promise and a Danger

- 9 And let us not grow **weary** while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not **lose heart**. 10 Therefore, as we have **opportunity**, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A. You can **reap** (receive what you worked to get)

B. You can become **weary**

C. You can **lose heart**

D. You can **miss an opportunity**

Questions to Consider

1. Did you **spend** the money?

2. Did you **say** I do?

3. Did you **quit**?

4. Did you **see** any warning signs?

5. Did you **draw up** a list of things you can do now?

6. Did you **think** about yourself and how this could affect you?

7. Did you **prepare** for this season?

8. Did you **confess** and change yet? (I John 1:8-10)

- 1 John 1:8–10 (NKJV): 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us** our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

I. Two Examples of Good and Bad Responses

Matthew 25:1-5 (NIV)

- “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.** 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
- You can prepare for what you know is coming like the wise virgins (They prepared)
- You can ignore what you know is coming like the foolish virgins (They relied on others)

Note: Matthew 25:6-9 (NIV)

- 6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s **the bridegroom! Come** out to meet him!’
- 7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘**Give us some of your oil;** our lamps are going out.’
- 9 “‘**No,**’ they replied, ‘**there may not be enough for both us** and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

II. Two Examples of Good and Bad Investments

Matthew 25:14–18 (NIV)

- 14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To **one he gave five bags of gold,** to another **two bags,** and to another **one bag,** each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.
- 16 The man who had received **five bags of gold went at once** and put his money to work and gained five bags more.
- 17 So also, the one with **two bags of gold gained two more.**
- 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Closing: What can you do now that can change what will happen to you?

Answers: Make investments in the direction you want your life to go