

## WHAT ARE THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS?

1. Text: Galatians 6:6-10
2. We share today one of the basic principles of life. To ignore it brings disaster.

### I. **The Principle To Instill**

1. "Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." Galatians 6:7
2. Classic cause and effect principle.
3. It speaks of consequences of actions.
4. It asks, "What will be the results?" "When will this end?"
5. It hammers home responsibility for our actions. (Ezekiel 18:20)
6. It deals with the "Blame Game."
7. It evidences maturity. Advice for youths

### II. **Problems To Identify**

1. Babies misunderstanding: They live in a world where things just happen.
2. They have no sense of cause and effect: pulling a gun's trigger.
3. Problem on both ends: Denial that a Cause will lead to an Effect, and denial that an Effect was because of a Cause.
4. Crime: From poverty and ignorance or something else? The reality of evil.
5. World tensions: Is America the great Satan?
6. Issues: Drugs, drinking, gambling, "affairs"
7. Famous last words: "It won't happen to me." The General's words.
8. Victimization: The orphan asks for mercy.
9. Blame the victim.
10. Usually a bad question: "Why did you do it?" (Judas in John 12:4)
11. Evangelism: What's the problem? Sower, seed, or soils? (Luke 8:4-16)
12. Judgment Day: "God will make an exception for me."

### III. **Passages To Illustrate**

1. Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:9-13. Who is to blame?
2. Aaron and the golden calf (Exodus 32:22,24)
3. Gideon's victory (Judges 7:2)
4. Elijah as the troubler of Israel (I Kings 18:17-18)
5. David and Bathsheba (II Samuel 11-13)
6. The very rich young ruler (Mark 10:22)
7. The man with one talent (Matthew 25:14-30)

### IV. **A Plan To Implement**

1. Quote and "preach" this principle.
2. Persist in doing it.
3. Notice: "Don't be deceived." (My mom)
4. Notice: "God is not mocked."
5. Make it as practical and relevant as possible.
6. Live it in your own life.

Conclusion:

