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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update: 9/21-25 conference in Amelia Island, FL
- **Today's topic: Pay Me Now, or Pay Me Later**



Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. --Galatians 6:6-8

We often roll our eyes when we think how overwhelming it must have been for Jews to try to keep over 600 laws. However, in preparing for today's meeting, I tried to get a handle on the number of local, state, and federal laws that we are supposed to keep, and it makes 600 seem like a cakewalk! EACH YEAR over 40,000 NEW laws are passed by governments in the USA. A researcher at the Library of Congress believes the cumulative total is *nearly impossible to tally*.

With that said, it's wise for us to adhere to laws--especially those that aren't contrary to Scripture. And when we do come across a problem, to handle it as humbly and diligently as possible. If we don't, and we ignore or avoid them, relatively small matters can blow up in our faces and become major hassles. There are harvests to all of our decisions. Better to nip problems in the bud now and avoid bigger headaches down the pike. Don't kick the can down the road like so many do! *Make the hard decisions now, and enjoy peace later.*

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of sowing to the Spirit.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by sowing more to the Spirit, and less to the flesh?										
What specific actions can you take to sow more to the Spirit and less to the flesh?										

- Next meetings on August 6 and 20
- Next "This Is My Story" breakfast on September 3 - any suggestions for speakers?
- Jacob's Well Coffeehouse on July 18 (Walter Santos) and August 1 (Josh Pereira)
- Other news
- Closing prayer