

More Than We Bargained For

Gal. 6:7-8

Introduction:

- A. What if you could make a decision to act upon something, knowing that within a matter of seconds any evidence of your actions would be nonexistent?
- B. Snapchat is a social media app that allows people to send a text or video that will only appear for up to 10 seconds once it is viewed.
- C. Many of us may wish the effects of our actions were like snapchat.

Our Actions Can Bring Severe Consequences

- A. Adam and Eve's actions seemed so harmless (Gen. 3).
- B. Their decision to disobey God led to some stark consequences.
- C. Too often we are guilty of not thinking through the effects of our actions.

The Lasting Impact of Our Actions

- A. The hurt and pain we cause others will not go away (2 Sam. 12).
- B. Our example and influence can be destroyed (Prov. 12:26).
- C. Our past may always be remembered (Acts 9:26-28).

Forgiveness is Always Available

- A. We all probably have been guilty of causing negative consequences because of our actions.
- B. The good news for us is God is a God of forgiveness (I Jn. 1:9).

Conclusion:

- A. Sin will take you farther than you want to go, it will keep you longer than you want to stay and it will cost you more than you want to pay.
- B. Let's stop allowing our actions to give us more than we bargained for and start making more godly decisions we can be proud of.