

Reality and Gravity do have something in common.....

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Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

7. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
8. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Luke 12:4-5

4. "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.
5. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

I left this title statement open ended for contemplation. There are many that seldom think about the forces that are at work in our lives or the consequence of their decisions. We could call that impulse living; my parents called it flying by the seat of your pants. My parent's phrase was used for someone who refused wise counsel and instruction for direction in life.

Consider the person with a so-called free spirit, even they know the reality of producing work to get a paycheck. Flying by the seat of your pants also has this negative connotation that more than ever, in our present age, many do not give thought to the reality of eternal accountability. They travel through life never knowing if they will crash and burn and never giving thought to the reality of their last day. Let me put this a little more bluntly, spiritual accountability has no opt out button.

On a positive note you could say reality and gravity keep us grounded, one in the physical realm and one in the spiritual. We know that it is impossible to escape either of these forces therefore we must operate within their definitions of fact. This is an obvious commonality between them.

We understand there a few who experienced the opportunity to overcome gravity but this reality remains; they must return or die. However there are

guidelines for their return. Come in at the wrong angle they could either burn up or fly off into space and be lost forever. We know there are those that live outside the reality of God. This is also temporary because they must return or die. Seeing that Christ through His blood has made a way to secure eternity we first have to first admit we need salvation, then commit our hearts and sins to Him that our sin may be omitted and our hearts healed.

In the Book of Job God decided to boast on Job's faithfulness and the devil said if he was allowed to take all Job had and afflict him he would turn against God. Many consider that Job was the richest man in the world at the time so his loss of possessions and health would be traumatic at best. However he did not curse God or lose his humility during his test. He did though question God with his complaint and this was part of God's answer. You should finish the book to get the total perspective.

Job 40:8-14

8. "Would you discredit my justice?
Would you condemn me to justify yourself?"
9. Do you have an arm like God's,
and can your voice thunder like his?
10. Then adorn yourself with glory and splendor,
and clothe yourself in honor and majesty.
11. Unleash the fury of your wrath,
look at all who are proud and bring them low,
12. look at all who are proud and humble them,
crush the wicked where they stand.
13. Bury them all in the dust together;
shroud their faces in the grave.
14. Then I myself will admit to you
that your own right hand can save you.

We all have sown seeds of sin in our lives therefore betraying the Lord's love but many deny the reality of judgement. Many find it more comfortable, in this life, to accept eternal separation from God than confront their own sin nature.

Let us look at Judas who betrayed Jesus. The Lord said in Mark 14:21 **The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.**”

Judas is being warned against his betrayal and his judgement. However it is obvious that he did not believe the gravity of this statement, that Jesus was the Son of God who came to deliver salvation because of the Father’s great love, or that eternal was more important than the temporal. “I believe” knowing God’s love if Judas would have went to the cross and asked for forgiveness all of his reality would have been changed. Instead, not wanting to confront what he did, hanging himself sealed forever his eternal punishment.

This is where humility comes in! Why should pride, fear, or the forces dedicated to the destruction of life thrust anyone into a dark and hostile place of weeping and gnashing of teeth? It is this reality that should inspire everyone to ponder his or her fate. Also should inspire every believer to show the Spirit of God’s love to others as an irresistible and inescapable gravity pulling them to safety. Showing all that enter using His loving guidance system will not crash and burn but will have a beautiful and smooth place of landing.

It was the inescapable gravity of Christ’ love that pulled me in!