



Community

Galatians 6:1-6



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Galatians Series

- **Paul has introduced today in 5:25-26**
- **“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other”**
- **Warning about the potential to become impressed with ourselves, the fruit produced.**
- **leads into our passage for today**



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“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. ⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.”



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1. Family Matters

a) 'brothers'

- extended family relationship assumed

b) trapped by sin

- enemy out setting traps – bent on destroying
- caught – can be evident, realized, revealed
- when caught in sin, often we don't want the help that we need



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c) you who are Spiritual

- should have some maturity – evidence of fruit
- able to see what restoration looks like

d) restore gently

- mend, make things whole, able to be used for it's intended purpose - Matt 4:21
- gently – easy to be tough on family, give them a hard time etc. Told to be gentle



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e) Dangerous Working Environment

- watch yourself – time of great temptation**
- tempted towards pride and blind to traps**
- tempted to embrace attitudes of others**
- targeted as one releasing prey from the trap**



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2. Supporting One Another

a) clear up some confusion

- **3:13** “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law”
- **5:18** “ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”
- **6:2** “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”



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- While the penalty for our sin is paid, and we stand justified, God's desire for us remains that we live and act as Holy children.
- **Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



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b) Burdens and Loads

- vs.2 – ‘carry one another’s burdens’**
- vs. 5 – ‘each one should carry his own load’**
- burdens – heavy, crushing, pressing in to the point of overwhelming us, drowning
 - tragedy, heartbreak, grief, sickness etc.****
- called to live as a family carrying one another’s burdens and standing side by side in this**



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- loads – responsibilities and duties of life.**

Things common to many, bringing pressure and requiring us to mature and respond as Christ would call and enable us to.

- many loads are self chosen, result of decisions**

- called to bear one another's burdens, not to automatically provide relief from the loads we share.**



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c) the test

- what you think and what you are**
- what you do with your time and resources**
- where you find your standard**
- * find a way to carry our load with Christ, and focus on helping others bear burdens in the family.**



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3. The Word and Encouragement

a) receives instruction in the Word

- biblical teaching and instruction**
- not always popular or easy, rarely cultural, often challenging**

b) must share all good things with instructor

- care well for them**
- encourage them with the God story, let them in and show them God's work**



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So What

1. Family is Critical to Life

2. When Sin Ensnares:

- **We want to see you set free and mended**
- **Recognize and allow help to be extended**



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- 3. Recognize that the How Matters**
- 4. Be Clear in defining Burdens and Loads**
- 5. Bear Burdens with your Family, encourage others in handling their loads**
- 6. Check your heart in determining the difference**
- 7. Make sure to share God's work – it brings great blessing**