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Galatians 6:1-18

Bear One Another's Burdens

What is one of the most difficult situations that you have ever had to go through? Did you feel alone or overwhelmed?

Did you know that God's plan is to help you in hard situations with His Spirit and with His people? We are to bear one another's burdens! Are you willing to give a godly hand when people are in need?

When people go through hard times, we who are mature disciples of Christ, should gently help others!

We are to help others go through difficult situations and we are to pray and be careful that we do not fall into the same difficult situation we are helping others in.

Vs 1-5 If someone is in sin, it is our job as a Christian to urge them to repent and turn to Jesus.

This is a rescue missions. If someone is in sin, we should lovingly and gently go to them and urge them to repent and turn to Jesus.

Matthew 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

GOD DOES NOT WANT TO SEE ANYONE PERISH IN SIN. He wants repentance and faith in Jesus. It is our job to tell others and help others.

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

IT IS OUR JOB AS CHRISTIANS TO GO TO SOMEONE IF WE HAVE BEEN SINNED AGAINST. We are not to go tell others about it or ignore it. God uses us in this process of restoring others.

Vs 3 We must be careful about pride when we do this. We must be careful to not fall into the same sin.

We can see our own work in fighting sin if we resist sin, ask God to help us, and repent of our sin.

We should not think we are stronger than we are. We can all fall into sin. We should lovingly and humbly look to restore others, but we must be aware that we all have our own sin and we are all in need of a Savior in Jesus.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God......

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Vs 6-10 It is good for someone who is learning the word of God to share what God is doing in their life. It encourages the person who is sharing the truth of God.

There are consequences for our actions both here on earth and for eternity.

Does the Spirit of God impact your day to day life?

If you have the Spirit of God, you have salvation.

We should not grow tired of doing good or doing the right thing. It matters to God. It impacts others.

We are to live for God in His Spirit and not grow tired of living for Him.

God calls us to do good to EVERYONE!

We are to especially favor or do good to those that follow Jesus and to those that follow Jesus and are in our church! WE ARE TO FAVOR CHRISTIANS!

Do you go above and beyond for other brothers and sisters in Christ?

Vs 11-18 Paul gets to the root of this book at the end of chapter 6. Paul is saying that we can try to follow the law, but we still have sin. We need Jesus. We need the Spirit of God in us. The law will not save us. Only faith in Jesus and His Lordship saves us from sin.

We should not boast about our good works. We are all sinful. We need to boast in Christ because He is God. He died for us. He rose again. And we are saved by Him being Lord of our life!

When we have faith in Christ as our Lord, God gives us the Spirit to reside in us and help us. This helps us fight sin. We are saved by faith in Jesus, but then God Himself forgives us and helps us resist sin.

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

When someone is in sin, do you go to them and gently and lovingly speak godly truth into their life?

Do you bear other people's burdens?

Do you speak Biblical truth to others? Do you share the Gospel? Do you teach and show others how to live a godly life in Jesus?