

Carry Each Other's Burdens Notes

Galatians 6:1-5

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Main Point: We show we care when we bear one another's burdens.

Context

1. In chapter 5, Paul warns Christians not to be in conflict with each other (Galatians 5:15).
2. Galatians 5:26 indicates if we want the body of Edgewood to be edified, we must avoid _____ away at other believers.
 - The word "provoke" means "to _____" somebody to a contest.
3. Self-_____ is the deadly enemy of all the "one another" statements.
 - The attitude we should have toward people is "You are a person of importance in your own right, and it is my joy and privilege to serve you."

Four Relational Responsibilities

1. _____ the broken (vs. 1).
 - Born again believers are part of the same _____, brothers and sisters with one another.
 - The use of the word "if" helps us think through something hypothetical so we're ready to restore the broken when it happens.
 - The word "caught" was used to describe a bird or an animal which had become entangled in a _____.
 - In verse 1, the word "transgression" is translated "trespass," which carries the idea of stumbling or _____ off a slick path, leaving the person stuck in a ditch. It's the idea of crossing the line.
 - In the previous chapter, we see "spiritual" describes those who walk by the _____ (5:16), who are filled with the Fruit of the Spirit (5:22), and who keep in step with the Spirit (5:25).
 - To be "spiritual" is not referring to mystical spirituality but to normal Spirit-_____ Christianity.
 - The word "you" is plural, emphasizing the _____ for the church body to reach out and help a battered believer.
 - The word "restore" indicates this should be our _____ practice.
 - It literally means to make something right by bringing it back to its _____ condition.
 - This word was used for _____ a broken bone or mending a torn net (Matthew 4:21).

- Straying believers need spiritual believers who will come alongside them and _____ them.
 - This process must be done with _____.
 - The King James Version uses the word “meekly” which has the idea of doing something _____ and with enormous kindness.
 - It is God’s _____ which leads a person to repentance (Romans 2:4).
 - The last part of verse 1 is a rebuke to our self-_____.
 - The phrase “keep watch” refers to taking aim, or _____ on yourself.
 - When we see someone else slipping into sin, we should pause and ask the Lord to keep us _____ from the sins that slip us up.
 - James 3:2 reminds us, “For we all stumble in _____ ways.”
 - 1 John 1:8 declares we _____ struggle with sin.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:12 says we’re just one short step from falling _____.
2. _____ the burdened (vs 2).
- The word “bear” is a present active imperative indicating we’re to, “_____ on bearing.”
 - It means, “to take up and hold; to remove or _____ an overwhelming load.”
 - A “burden” is a “_____ weight or freight.”
 - It refers to something someone cannot carry on their _____.
 - Instead of judging others, we’re to _____ them by doing whatever we can for as long as we can. This even includes helping those who don’t like us (Exodus 23:5).
 - We must make sure we’re not putting _____ burdens on them (Luke 11:46).
3. Repent of _____ (vs. 3-4).
- God knows you and I will not restore the broken or relieve the burdened if we’re too _____ of ourselves (Proverbs 26:12, 1 Corinthians 10:12).
 - If you think you’re something special, then you’ll find it _____ to condemn.
 - But if you know you’re nothing apart from God’s amazing grace, then you’ll be _____ to help the hurting (1 Corinthians 4:7).
4. Respect your _____ (vs. 5).
- The word “load” in verse 5 describes a soldier’s _____.
 - We’re to help bear what is too heavy for another human to handle alone but we cannot carry someone else’s _____.

Action Steps

1. Who do you know who is broken today?
2. What one thing can you do to relieve their burden?
3. How is God humbling you right now?
4. Where do you need to build up your boundaries?