

Restoration | Galatians 6:1-3

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

- a. "Run unto him, and reaching out your hand, raise him up again, comfort him with sweet words, and embrace him with motherly arms." (Martin Luther)
- b. "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (James 5:19-20)
- c. "...save others by snatching them out of the fire..."(Jude 23)
- d. "So we are to bear one another's 'burdens' which are too heavy for a man to bear alone, but there is one burden which we cannot share – indeed do not need to because it is a pack light enough for every many to carry himself – and that is our responsibility to God on the day of judgment. On that day you cannot carry my pack and I cannot carry yours." (John Stott)

Pursuing Holiness | Galatians 6:4-5

But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

Generosity | Galatians 6:6

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

Reaping | Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

- a. "Every time we allow our mind to harbor a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fantasy, or wallow in self-pity, we are sowing to the flesh. Every time we linger in bad company whose influence we know we cannot resist, every time we lie in bed when we ought to be up and praying, every time we read pornographic literature, every time we take a risk which strains our self-control, we are sowing, sowing, sowing to the flesh. Some Christians sow to the flesh every day and wonder why they do not reap holiness. Holiness is a *harvest*; whether we reap it or not depends almost entirely on what and where we sow." (John Stott)

Perseverance | Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Benediction | Galatians 6:2

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