



Generous Restoration
Galatians 6:1-5
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Series: Generous Others

“One another” is one of the foundational key phrases all throughout the New Testament. “Love one another” is found at least a dozen times, along with “pray for one another (James 5:16), “edify one another” (I Thessalonians 5:11), “prefer one another” (Romans 12:10), “be hospitable one to another”, (I Peter 4:9), and many more admonitions.

The ministry of the Church can be summarized in two-words:

1. Reconciliation
2. Restoration

I. Restoration Heals One Another

Galatians 6:1a Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one...

“Restore” Means To Mend or Repair Something.

II. Restoration humbles One Another

Galatians 6:1b you who are spiritual should restore him...

The reason many folks cannot get delivered is because they are talking to the wrong people. They are talking to “carnal people” instead of “spiritual people”.

When I fall into a trespass I pray that I fall into the hands of a spiritual person, instead of a non-spiritual person. I had rather fall into the hands of the local bartender and drug dealer than I had the hands of the average Baptist church member.

“Spiritual” means that we have given God’s assessment to the problem and we are also giving God’s solution to the problem.

Takeaway:

“Only spiritual believers have the wisdom or the right to discipline fellow believers, just as only spiritual believers have the right to leadership in the church. When a church is committed to restoring fallen members, it is on its way to being pure and usable. I am more concerned with finding the cause of a person’s problem, than I am analyzing the symptoms of the person’s problem. I want someone with God’s eyes working on me, not the devil’s.”

- A. Our restoration should be gentle.**

Galatians 6:1c restore such a one in the spirit of meekness...

“Gentleness” has to do with “softness and kindness”

When you are restoring someone you are to do it with the least amount of pain possible. Restoration must always be done with the goal of helping and not hurting.

- B. Our restoration should be graceful.**

Galatians 6:1d...considering thyself, lest thou be tempted.

III. Restoration Helps One Another

- A. Restoration helps one another bear burdens.**

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

- B. Restoration helps one another share responsibility.**

Galatians 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.