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## **Christian Relationships In Church Part 2**

We must be lead of the Spirit in order to show the kind of love to our brethren that God requires. This type of love is not a natural trait of us as fallen creatures because we are by nature, led by our emotions rather than the spirit of God. We are not useful to the Kingdom if we are being ruled by emotions. We may find ourselves looking for issues to thrust ourselves into, offering council on situations we know nothing about, or zealously rebuking sin without offering a path to restoration.

It is God's intention that the Church should labor constantly to ensure all the members are useful to the Body by helping them remove the burden of sin in their lives. This action requires a correct attitude, a complete understanding of personal weakness, and a discerning spirit. These things are only possible when we are lead by the Spirit.

This evening we will look at the list of instructions Paul gave the Galatians so they to could ensure that there church body was an instrument the Lord could use for His Kingdom.

### **Notes**

Just like today, the Church in Galatia had problems from within. Paul gave them a clear course of action for restoration in Galatians 6. These actions are timeless and just as applicable today as the were when Paul wrote them. Think about the following points as you listen to the message.

- The first step of change is confession. Until a sin is truly confessed, it still remains a burden.
- We can cast our burdens to the Lord by trusting in His divine Providence.
- Share how the Lord lifted your burdens to others in similar circumstances.
- Use the Law as a standard of obedience and a tool for restoration. A restored person will be an obedient person.
- Our work is tangible and the Law is specific. Use the standard of the Law to judge the motives and results of our labor.
- Work entails action and results. Words alone do not constitute as work.
- God is patient, not complacent. All of our sins will bear their fruit in time. Never assume you have gotten away with one.

There are 4 necessary areas to address if we want to change our lives

1. We need the Word planted in our hearts and minds through solid Biblical teaching. Look to scripture as your first reaction.
2. The Word will place convictions on our hearts. These convictions cause us to stay the course. If loose or ignore our convictions, we will never change. Pray to keep your convictions alive and well. Nurture the convictions in others and pray they do the same for you.
3. Confession and repentance bring forth correction and restoration. If we lose our way we must confess and repent to get back on course.
4. Training for action. It's not enough to know what to do. We must know how to act on our convictions to turn them into results. A conviction never acted upon is useless.

### **Scripture References**

**Galatians 6:1-10** (1) Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. (2) Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. (3) For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. (4) But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. (5) For each one will bear his own load. (6) The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*. (7) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. (8) 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. (9) Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. (10) So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**Psalms 50:21-23** "These things you have done and I kept silence; You thought that I was just like you; I will reprove you and state *the case* in order before your eyes. (22) "Now consider this, you who forget God, Or I will tear *you* in pieces, and there will be none to deliver. (23) "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders *his way aright* I shall show the salvation of God."

We are glad you have chosen to listen to this sermon and pray that it gives you strength, the want for obedience, and a desire to have God's abundant Grace mortify sin in your life. If you have any questions or comments please email [chuck\\_ezell@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck_ezell@yahoo.com).