

“The DNA of a Spirit-led Church”

Galatians 6:1-10

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***1**Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. **2**Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **3**For if anyone considers himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4**Let each person examine his own work, and then he can take pride in himself alone, and not compare himself with someone else. **5**For each person will have to carry his own load.*

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6Let the one who is taught the word share all his good things with the teacher. 7Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, 8because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

Outline (John Barclay)

- Galatians 6.1a = Mutual Accountability
 - Galatians 6.1b = Personal Responsibility
- Galatians 6.2 = Mutual Accountability
 - Galatians 6.3-5 = Personal Responsibility
- Galatians 6.6 = Mutual Accountability
 - Galatians 6.7-8 = Personal Responsibility
- Galatians 6.9-10 = Mutual accountability

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- *Let the one who is taught the word share all his good things with the teacher.*
 - 6.6 = Mutual Accountability
 - “The teacher relieves the ignorance of the pupil; the pupil should relieve the teacher of concern for his sustenance.” – F.F. Bruce
 - Gal. 6:6, a church should do its best to support ministers/teachers.
 - God is generous
 - Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

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 - 6.7-8 = Personal Responsibility
 - Settling Accounts
 - Works of the flesh = fruitless living. *Depart from me, ye cursed, for I never knew ye.*
 - Living in Christ plants good seed, brings good fruit. *Come, you blessed by My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*
 - God is not mocked.
 - *With the faithful, you prove yourself faithful...with the crooked you prove yourself shrewd.* Psalm 18:25
 - God is also generous and freely gives.
 - *Freely you have received, freely give.* Matthew 10:8

Reality 4. Spirit-led churches keep eternal perspective.

- *Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10*
 - 6.9-10 = Mutual accountability
- *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3*
- *He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2*