

“The DNA of a Spirit-led Church”

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*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

Reality I. Spirit-led churches confront well.

- Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit.
 - 6.1a = Mutual Accountability
 - Those who walk in the Spirit, are commanded to *gently and watchfully confront* a Bro/Sis in wrongdoing with the *Goal of Restoration*.
 - Mutual accountability in the Spirit helps churches confront well.
- Watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted.
 - 6.1b = Personal Responsibility.
 - Those who walk in the Spirit, are urged to be watchful over themselves. That they wouldn't fall to temptation. In other words, temptation comes to all. But I and I alone am responsible for if I cave to it or not.
 - Personal responsibility in the Spirit helps churches confront well.
- Remember the Goal: "Restore such a one."

Reality 2. Spirit-led churches carry boulders and backpacks.

- Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
 - 6.2 = Mutual Accountability
 - "Carry one another's burdens" = Boulders
 - A boulder is an immense, excessive, often unforeseen challenges that no one should have to carry alone.
 - Divorce
 - Death
 - Injury, Illness
 - Job loss, loss of income
 - Medical bill
- Spirit-led people carry one another's boulders together.

Reality 2. Spirit-led churches carry boulders and backpacks.

- 3-5. For if anyone considers himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Let each person examine his own work, and then he can take pride in himself alone, and not compare himself with someone else. For each person will have to carry his own load.
 - 6.3-5 = Personal Responsibility
 - Gal. 6.5 “each person will have to carry his own load.” Backpacks.
 - Paying bills on time each month
 - Returning phone calls
 - Diet, exercise
 - Healthy interactions
 - Dusting the living room
 - Scheduling appointments for yourself
 - Maintaining your car
 - Caring for your family, pets.
- Spirit-led churches carry boulders (mutually) and backpacks (personally).

Reality 3. Spirit-led Churches are generous.

- Let the one who is taught the word share all his good things with the teacher.
 - 6.6 = Mutual Accountability
 - F.F. Bruce, “The teacher relieves the ignorance of the pupil; the pupil should relieve the teacher of concern for his sustenance.”
 - Steve Wells, “The generous side of fair.”
- Don’t be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, because 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.”
 - 6.7-8 = Personal Responsibility
 - You and I will stand before God alone. God is not mocked.
 - Sow generously, reap generously.
 - Spirit-led churches are generous.

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.
 - 6.9-10 = Mutual accountability
 - “Fail in Heart” and Discouragement
 - God's Encouragement comes: *For we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.*
 - Keep an eternal perspective!
 - Do good for as long as God has you here on earth.
 - Spirit-led churches keep an eternal perspective.

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