

# **Walk With Others**

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Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is <sup>(1)</sup> **caught** in any transgression, you who are <sup>(2)</sup> **spiritual** should <sup>(3)</sup> **restore** him in a <sup>(4)</sup> **spirit of gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

It is very important to look at this verse in context with the first five chapters. **The primary concern is that the believers have exchanged grace for the Law with the associated concern that the believers are neglecting the ministry of the Holy Spirit.** Therefore the dominant transgression being address would be legalism and denying the work of the Holy Spirit. Gal.5:25 says, “If you live by the Spirit, keep in step with the Spirit.”

<sup>(1)</sup> **Caught in any transgression is being out of step with the Holy Spirit.**

<sup>(2)</sup> **You who are spiritual are those who are responsive to and controlled by the Holy Spirit.**

<sup>(3)</sup> **To restore is to bring a person into step with the Holy Spirit.**

<sup>(4)</sup> **A spirit of gentleness means not to exhibit any sense of superiority**

With the powerful teaching of this new life in Christ, we are encouraged to come along side of those who are out of step with the Holy Spirit and **to restore** them to spiritual wholeness. Since the issue is one's relationship with the Holy Spirit, the Bible **spends**

**greater time on “the ones called on to restore” the transgressor than he does on the transgressor. The correctors should spend as much time keeping an eye on themselves as they do on the offender. We must guard against religion, legalism which is devastating.** Therefore, anytime we help restore someone the lessons on the Holy Spirit from Gal.5 has to be foremost in our minds and actions.

**Who are the spiritual to help others to spiritual wholeness? They are the one’s who practice Gal.5!**  
**1<sup>st</sup> They are led by the Spirit and not under the Law. Therefore they will not put others under the Law.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> They will help others connect with the Holy Spirit in order that the Spirit may lead them!**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> They will manifest the “fruit of the Spirit” love, joy, peace, etc. in there interactions.**

**Before God we have a responsibility.**

Galatians 6:2 (ESV)

Bear one another’s burdens (heavy load), and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**All believers get overwhelmed or bound up in difficulties that cause them to get totally out of step with the Holy Spirit. We must apply the Law of Christ:**

Galatians 5:14 (ESV)

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**When someone is out of step with the Holy Spirit, we should never think we are too good, too spiritual to come along side them to restore them to spiritual wholeness.**

Galatians 6:3 (ESV)

For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Galatians 6:3 (AMP)

For if any person thinks himself to be somebody [too important to condescend to shoulder another's load] when he is nobody [of superiority except in his own estimation], he deceives *and* deludes *and* cheats himself.

**The implication seems to be that a Christian deceives himself if he neglects to bear another's burden, meaning that a Christian should never think the situation is beneath him. We must humble our self and come along side others!**

**Above all, when coming along side others, we must examine our own heart. Then we can be loving and kind helping others bear their burdens.**

Psalms 139:23–24 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

**In any situation, we must test our motives honestly before the Lord!**

Galatians 6:4 (ESV)

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

Galatians 6:4 (AMP)

But let every person carefully scrutinize *and* examine *and* test his own conduct *and* his own work. He can then have the personal satisfaction *and* joy of doing something commendable [in itself alone] without [resorting to] boastful comparison with his neighbor.

**We must let our direction and praise come from God alone, not from man. As Jesus said, “We must deal the plank in our own eye before we try and deal with the splinter in another’s eye.**

Galatians 6:5 (ESV)

For each will have to bear his own load (pack).

Galatians 6:5 (AMP)

For every person will have to bear (be equal to understanding and calmly receive) his own [little] load [of oppressive faults].

**In other words, the duty of a Christian is to carry his own load. *Therefore, a Christian needs to be in step with the Holy Spirit in order to come along side and help others to be in step with the Holy Spirit.***

**Bottom Line**, only those who are **practicing** the lessons of the Holy Spirit taught in Gal.5 should help others to **practice** the lessons of the Holy Spirit taught in Gal.5. **In restoring others “we connect” them with the Holy Spirit and do not put them under the Law.**

Galatians 5:18 (ESV)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**In restoring others, we demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV)

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.

**Remember when helping others, we need to keep on message:**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future***