

Bearing One Another's Burdens in the Spirit

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Galatians 5:25-6:5

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The Gospel is not just intellectual idea – it's a reality that changes lives!

- Especially for brothers – we are to Gospel one-another daily
- Conceited superiority - drives us to look down on others caught in sin
- Conceited inferiority - causes us to envy their sin or crave their approval
- NOT running around pointing out every sin: 1 Pet 4:8; 1 Cor 13:5
- BUT instead with spirit of gentleness point them to the Gospel

Who are 'you who are spiritual'? 1

- Probably not a special group of 'super' believers
- Context: believers who 'walk by the Spirit'^{5:16} and 'live by the Spirit'^{5:25}
- restore - term used for setting a dislocated bone back into place
- Spirit of Gentleness - fruit of the Spirit^{5:23}

A Gospel Way to Fulfill the Law of Christ 2

- a way to bear one another's burdens is to 'confront' & 'restore' v2 & 5:13-14
- this is the law in action as Christ taught: Mt 22:37-40: Love God, Love neighbor
- We are to love as Christ loved us: Jn 13:34; Eph 4:32; 1 Jn 3:16
- Never forget we all are saved to do good works : Eph 2:10
- This requires relationship, more than casual community

Boasting in God 3-4

- Remember the truths of the Gospel to remain balanced
 - you are a sinner saved only by God's mercy
 - God gives us His Spirit to work through us for His glory
- Take regular inventory - Boast in God
 - 2 Cor 1:3-11 Paul boasted in fact a sinner was used for God's glory
 - Rom 4:19-21 Abraham gives God glory when hopeless & God alone could fulfill the promise

Carry Your Load:

- Seems like a contradiction between v2&5
- Key: different words burden (super heavy) vs. load (day pack)

How Can You Gospel One Another?

- Regularly dialogue the 4 G's and remind yourself and others of the Gospel.
- God is Great... so I don't have to be in control... Jesus is in control!
- God is Glorious... so I don't have to fear others... Jesus has me!
- God is Good... so I don't have to look elsewhere... Jesus is all I need!
- God is Gracious... so I don't have to prove myself... Jesus did that!

How to help "listen" and bear one another's burdens:

- Remember you have the Spirit if you are a believer so therefore you are qualified!
- Pray, pray and pray before listening or speaking. The Wise One is the Spirit, not you.
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Gospel Filter for Listening to Others:

When listening, see if you can guide people to answer:

- 1) What am I doing or experiencing right now?
- 2) In light of that, what do I believe about myself?
- 3) What do I believe God is doing or has done?
- 4) What do I believe God is like?

Gospel Filter for Guiding Others:

Encourage and guide people to biblically answer these questions to live in the power of the Gospel:

- 1) Who is God?
- 2) What has He done?
- 3) Who am I in light of God's work?
- 4) How should I live in light of who I am?

*What if I believed this?
How would I then live?*