

**Galatians 6:1 *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.***

This is flowing into what Paul was speaking on which was walking in the spirit and in love. We should speak truth but in love (Eph 4:15). The only people Jesus ever rebuked were the religious people. The servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all (2 Tim 2:24).

This verse also says we should be mindful when we are ministering to people. It is similar to ice; are we melting and affecting them or are they sticking and affecting us?

**Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.***

The Greek word for bear is *bastazō* and means to carry on one's person. Bearing one another's burdens is fulfilling the law because it is loving our neighbor. We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves (Rom 15:1). In context, Paul was speaking of Christians who were strong in grace and to consider those who have not gotten a full revelation of their liberty in Christ.

**Galatians 6:3 *For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.***

One of the best ways to not judge others or to place oneself in a position where we think highly of oneself is to remember who we once were before Jesus (2 Peter 1:13, 3:1). Before coming to Jesus, we were children of the devil, controlled by the prince of this world, without God, and without hope (Ephesians 2).

**Galatians 6:4 *But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.***

The Greek word for prove or examine is *dokimazō* and means to test or deem worthy or genuine. The scriptures say that we should examine ourselves (2 Cor 13:5). Many people believe it is God who is examining us to find fault or blemish. We should examine ourselves ask why we are doing what we are doing. Is it to earn relationship with God or am I acting out of my relationship with God?

One of the greatest things a believer can do is mind their own business.

**Galatians 6:5 *For each one shall bear his own load.***

This verse can seem contradicting to verse two of this chapter but this is speaking of tough love whereas verse two is referring to mercy. There are times when we need to hold ourselves accountable and really see where we are in the spirit or the flesh. There are other times when we need the brethren to come in and help. Both require the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 6:6 *Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.***

The word communicate in Greek is *koinoneo* and means to share with others.

Many of Paul's letters start with doctrine and end with the practical side of how to live now that God has done His part. He is closing this letter with speaking of generosity and doing good. This verse is speaking of finances and those who share the word should be given double honor (1 Tim 5:17).

***Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.***

The Greek word for deceived is *planaō* and means to go astray, wander, or roam about. As believers it is only possible to go astray when we have moved from the gospel and Jesus' finished works.

This is a command to not be deceived. The entire book of Colossians major theme is about establishing this church in truth so that they won't be deceived. In context, Paul is saying we are mocking God when we get fed from a ministry but do not sow back to them financially.

***Galatians 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.***

This is the law of sowing and reaping. A man will always reap what he sows but he may not reap where he sows. Those who don't sow anything will not reap anything. Many are waiting for a harvest but have never sown a seed. Giving is law of the kingdom. If you give (sow a seed), it shall be given back unto you (harvest).

Sowing seed during offering time is not making God do anything. It is simply a point of contact pulling what God has done in the spiritual realm into the physical.

***Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***

The word weary in Greek is *ekkakeo* and means to faint, to be weary. Paul is commanding us to not grow weary in doing good because it is possible to happen. Many times, we sow a seed financially and want to see a harvest the next day and if we do not see anything we become weary. There is seed, TIME, and harvest. We grow weary and faint in our minds (Heb 12:3).

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:31). The word wait is not referring to waiting on God to do something. It is similar to how a dog can smell food being prepared in a kitchen and is watchful and attentive to its owner. Keeping our focus on Him will keep us from wandering in our minds and fainting.

***Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.***

We cannot give to every good cause but we should be putting our hands to something so that we can give to those who are in need (Eph 4:28).

**Galatians 6:11 *See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!***

This verse is another scripture people try to link to saying Paul had an eye problem. Paul was not saying he had to write in such large letters so he could see. He was speaking of the letter as a whole being long. It is said that Paul had to write with letters that were as large as 5-6 inches each. This would have taken Paul a U-haul to deliver this entire letter to the Galatians if each individual letter was 5-6 inches big.

**Galatians 6:12 *As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.***

The Judaizers were trying to avoid persecution from the Jewish brethren who still believed you have to keep the law. Persecution comes with preaching Christ paid it all.

The most persecution a believer faces will come from inside their home and from believers. Those who preach grace are persecuted most by their brothers but they preach legalism. They are of the same household and have the same Father, Abraham but they have different mothers Sarah (Grace) or Hagar (Law).

**Galatians 6:13 *For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.***

Paul is saying that Judaizers were being hypocrites because they were not even keeping the law. Paul goes into this heavily in Romans chapter two speaking of the religious persons need for righteousness and the things they were claiming the Gentiles were doing, the legalistic person was doing also.

Legalism will always point to self and not Christ.

**Galatians 6:14 *But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.***

Anytime we receive the revelation of grace, boasting becomes excluded because it is not about our work but His (Rom 3:27).

Paul was crucified to the world and the world was crucified to him. His only aim was to finish his race with joy and complete the task of preaching the good news of God's grace (Acts 20:24). Anyone born again does not belong to this world (Jn 15:19) and should not love the things of this world (1 John 2:15-17).

**Galatians 6:15 *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.***

Justification with God comes not from works or the law but by faith. Only thing that counts is being born again (John 3:3). When we receive Jesus the thing that matters is the new creation in Christ, all things have become new and it is from our new identity in Christ where we experience victory.

***Galatians 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.***

The beginning of this verse starts with “and” which means it is a conjunction and is linked to the previous verse. The new creation of who God created us in Christ is what we should be walking in. The result of walking out of our new identity is peace and mercy.

***Galatians 6:17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.***

This letter is written to a group who once put faith solely in Christ but were being persuaded to believe some other gospel which really isn't the gospel at all. The marks Paul was speaking of were from the stoning he endured at Lystra for preaching the Gospel (Acts 14:19-20).

***Galatians 6:18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.***

Paul concludes this later saying brethren, which implies that they were still born again. The gospel and the word grace can be can used interchangeable.