

Bible Study – Galatians 6:1-5 (GUIDE)

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Realizing that there is a universal fight between the flesh / will of man and the Spirit (who represents the will of God as He is God, the third person of the trinity), it can be said that each of us is prone to wrestle with God; and, if we don't train ourselves, discipline ourselves, to be quickly yielding and submissive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we will find that our flesh will “win” the battles only for us to lose the war. For only win our flesh dies *so that the Spirit of God might have full reign* and freedom within us, *only then* shall we truly thrive for eternity forward.

So, what should we do when we see that another member of the family of God has lost a battle, *perhaps even more than one*?

Galatians 6:1-2 - 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.** ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

With what attitude are we to bring the one who has lost the battle back to his proper place?

If this one who has lost the battle is deceived, then how might that impact his desire for assistance in the matter? And, how might that influence your efforts to reach out to the person?

What does the word translated here as TRESPASS refer to?

According to **John 16:13-15**, how might you avoid “false steps”?

Consider **1 Corinthians 10:12** - “Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” *How might one who stands today fall tomorrow?*

Consider also: **Matthew 7:12** - Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Where is one place assigned for the believer to be an encouragement to others? **Hebrews 10:24-25** – Let us *consider one another in order to stir up love and good works*, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

So, though you may not feel as though you need the encouragement of others, might it be possible that by disobeying God’s guidance we are stepping onto thin ice? Could it be that others in the body /family of God need you to receive their encouragement as God ordained?

Paul tells these believers that they are to live according to “The Law of Christ.”
What does that mean?

Consider **James 2:8** refers to this as **the “royal law”** - If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,”** you do well.

Consider **John 13:34** – As He prepared for the crucifixion, Jesus instituted a new covenant, saying, “A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Let’s consider **Galatians 6:3-5** for they can be confusing:

³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, *he deceives himself.* ⁴ But let each one **EXAMINE** his own work, and then he will have **REJOICING in himself alone, and not in another.** ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.

The Greek word translated in **v. 4** as “**rejoicing**” is a word referring to:

Paul used another word in **v. 4**, translated as “**EXAMINE**” in the NKJV. It also means “**to test or prove**” something.

What is it that we are to test or prove?

How might a believer become like a Pharisee?

Consider: **Luke 18:9-14** - ⁹ Also He spoke this parable to **some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:** ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ **The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.** ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ **And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’** ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”