

## Gal. 6:1-10

### I. Do good to one another (1-9)

#### A. Look out for and pick up one another when you fall (1-2)

##### 1. Restore the sinner with humility (1)

###### a. If a man is caught in any transgression (1a)

Generic term

Not limited to big sins or small sins

###### b. Then: Restore him while guarding yourselves (1b-d)

###### 1) You, who are spiritual, restore this one in a spirit of meekness (1b)

Spiritual – mature, walking in the Spirit (fruit, character, etc.)

Mend/restore – like setting a bone, process, not a one-time thing

Pastoral care with the goal of full restoration

But not done quickly or hastily

In a spirit of meekness, not lording it over them

Or taking smug pride in his downfall

###### 2) Guarding yourself against temptation (1c-d)

###### a) Watching yourself (1c)

Keeping a close watch over yourself

###### b) Purpose: so that you will not also be enticed (1d)

i.e. caught in the same or different trap (like spiritual pride)

“there but for the grace of God go I”

##### 2. Bear one another’s burdens (2)

###### a. Carry the burdens of one another (2a)

Oppressive hardship, burden, something too heavy to carry alone

Like our transgressions – see above

###### b. And in this way fulfill the law of Christ (2b)

Carry out the obligations of the law of Christ

Not a new law that we cannot do,

But the model of a Christian lifestyle of love

Displaying the character of Christ

#### B. Live in a way in which you can rightly take pride (3-5)

##### 1. Don’t be proud but judge yourself rightly (3-4)

###### a. Neg: Don’t think too highly of yourself (3)

How not to evaluate yourself – by our own opinions of ourselves

###### 1) If someone wrongly thinks highly of themselves (3a-b)

###### a) If someone believes themselves to be something (3a)

If they think much of themselves

Inaccurate judgment that we all do

###### b) Even though they are nothing (3b)

2) Then they are deceiving themselves (3c)

Stop deceiving yourself – don't think too highly of yourself

You are a sinner, in need of grace

Our significance comes from Christ and His identity given to us

Not that we were or ever will be worthy of His love

This is another form of self-deceit

(In other passages, Paul mentions that comparing yourself to others is another incorrect way)

b Pos: Think rightly of yourself (4)

How to evaluate yourself – by tested results

1) Let each one examine his own work (4a)

2) And let him only have pride in what is true of himself (4b-c)

a) Then he will have his source of boast only in himself (4b)

Contrast the false teachers who were boasting in the Galatians

b) And not in the other (4c)

2. Reason: Because each one will carry his own load (5)

That is, in the eschatological judgment

i.e. taking pride in others will not do you any good on that day

C. Share good things with the one teaching you (6-8)

1. Let the one being taught the Word share with all good things to the one teaching (6)

2. Therefore: Share generously so that you will receive generously (7-8)

a You can't get around God's law of generosity/harvest (7a-b)

A principle that is true universally

But is here applied to giving

1) Do not be deceived/deceive yourself (7a)

2) God is not treated with contempt/ridiculed (7b)

b God's law of the harvest (7c-8)

1) You will harvest what you plant (7c-d)

a) Whatever a man plants (7c)

b) He will also harvest this (7d)

Agricultural metaphor with obvious significance and application

A farmer would be insane to expect a crop of tomatoes if he plants wheat seeds

How can we expect a harvest of eternal life if we plant seeds of hell

Yet far too often people are shocked/surprised when they get exactly what they deserve

People are blinded to think they can cheat the odds

Because they are not trying to cheat the odds, but cheat God, Who is NEVER mocked

- 2) Reason: Flesh bears corruption, Spirit bears life (8)
  - a) Neg: The one planting into his own flesh harvests corruption from the flesh (8a)
 

Reminder ‘the flesh’ is the corrupt, incapable part of humanity
  - b) Pos: The one planting into the Spirit harvests eternal life from the Spirit (8b)

God’s Spirit is the One who gives eternal life

Implied application:

Invest in things that will teach you spiritual things, things of God

Don’t invest in things that feed your flesh – profitless, sinful things

cf. 5:22-23 invest in those things that produce the fruit of the Spirit – you’ll be glad you did

cf. 5:19-21 do not invest in those things that produce the works of the flesh

The inheritance of these things is NOT the Kingdom of God

#### D. Do good without discouragement (9)

##### 1. Don’t be discouraged in doing good (9a-b)

a Doing good (9a)

b Do not become discouraged (9b)

Do not lose motivation, lose enthusiasm, lose heart, become discouraged

##### 2. Reason: We will eventually reap the harvest (9c-d)

a For we will harvest in its own time (9c)

A good farmer knows that it takes time for a crop to grow

Don’t lose patience (have faith) in God’s perfect timing

The foolishness of an instant society – good things take time

Don’t get in a rush

b If we do not become weary and give out (9d)

We don’t harvest just because we persevere

The life is in the seed, not in our perseverance

But you will never win if you don’t finish the race

## II. Therefore: Let us do good as we can (10)

### A. As we have time/opportunity (10a)

NOT “as much as it is convenient to our schedule”

But “as we are still in this age,” as much as we have opportunity

### B. Let us do good to all, especially to believers (10b-c)

#### 1. Let us work the good toward all (10b)

#### 2. Especially toward the house of faith (10c)

Priority toward the family of God

Not excluding others, but priority to God’s people