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Instructions for Christian Living
Galatians 6:1-10

- Confronting Sin (1)
 - **Overtaken**: surprised by, not blatant rebellion.
 - **Restore**: “to mend, as a net, or to restore a broken bone.”
 - Spiritual contrasted with legalistic
 - The legalist would say look at that terrible sinner, the spiritual recognizes we are all terrible sinners, bound up in Grace
 - **Different goal**: restoration versus destruction
 - Gentleness: **Fruit of the spirit (5:23)**
 - **Different mindset**: humility versus pride
 - Watching out for yourselves (that could be me)
 - **1 Cor 10:12–13** “¹² So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall. ¹³ No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it.”
 - Only those who have confronted their own sin and found the grace of Jesus can do this correctly.
- **Bear** one another’s burdens (heavy load) (2)
 - **Fulfill** the law of Christ
 - **Galatians 5:14** “For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

- **John 13:34–35** ³⁴ “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
 - **Romans 13:8–10** “Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up by this commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself. ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law.”
- Walk in humility (3–5)
 - **Examine: “prove”**
 - Examine ourselves in light of the holiness of God rather than others
 - Be honest
 - **Galatians 5:26** “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”
 - Pride causes us to not have unity
 - Rejoicing in himself alone: Future tense, in Christ, by grace
 - Bear your own load (soldier’s pack)
 - Some things only you can take care, we will stand before the Lord and give an account.
- We should honor those who teach the word (6)
 - The command is “to share, communicate” Κοινωνεῖτω PAI
 - *Koinonia* often can carry the idea of sharing material blessings with one another (Acts 2:42; 2 Cor 8:4; Heb 13:16)
 - What we do with material things is an evidence of how we value spiritual things. (Wiersbe)
 - Honor those who prepare faithfully to proclaim the word

– We reap what we sow (7-8)

- In accordance to verse 6 and how we treat the teachers of the word
 - Blessing comes by supporting the teaching of God’s word
 - Things sown to spiritual will reap eternal value, things sown to material will reap corruption
- In proportion to how we sow to the flesh we reap destruction
- In proportion to how we sow to the Spirit we reap eternal life
 - **2 Cor 9:6** “The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously”
 - Finances (context but applicable to . . .)
 - Spiritual maturity (I read the bible but didn’t understand it.)
 - Evangelism

– We should faithfully stay the course (9–10)

- Be encouraged (Let us not get tired of doing good)
 - Realize the outcome
 - Purpose: God’s glory
 - Power: Prayer & God’s word
 - **Luke 18:1** “Now he told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not give up.”
 - **Matthew 4:4** “He answered, “It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
 - Promise: “we will reap at the proper time if we don’t give up.” (9)
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- Do good to all (10)
 - Especially those who are of the household of faith
 - Doesn't mean we shouldn't do good to those outside the household of faith
 - Should be a light that shines so brightly that others desire to be a part of what God is doing.