

Finding Freedom in Christ

Gal. 6:1-18 (Lesson #10)

Do Good to all people

There are four main instructions in this last chapter of Galatians:

1. Vs. 1 Do Good for someone involved in sin

Take a look at the example in John 8:1-11

It takes place at the end of the Feast of the Tabernacles. Jesus is sitting in the court of the Women (the outer court of the temple) and he is confronted by the teachers of the Law. They are not interested in condemning the woman, they are trying to trap Jesus.

Scriptures involved: Ex. 20:14 (Do not commit adultery), Deut. 22:22 (Purge evil from Israel), Deut. 19:15 (takes two witnesses to condemn), Lev. 20:10 (both man and woman are to be judged) and Deut. 17:7 (only a sinless witness could throw the stones).

The issue of "Judging:" While our culture wants to "live and let live," the Lord tells us to judge (evaluate, properly identify, avoid minimizing) sin. See Rom. 16:17, I Cor. 5, II Thess. 3:6-14, Titus 3:10, II John 9-11. There is an appropriate action to take in the face of UNREPENTED sin.

Our message should be: "Stop it!"

Our responsibility is to: Restore him!

2. Vs. 2 Carry each other's burdens

Take a look at the example in Matt. 5: 41-42

Our responsibility: Fulfill the law of Christ / Pay attention to the "ONE ANOTHERS"

There are 100 "One Others" in the New Testament. Most of them are positive commands, a few are negative commands (how not to treat each other). Take a look at the attached list.

3. Vs. 7-10 Don't become weary

Recognize the effects of the Sowing and Reaping principle

- It is a natural process that began in Gen. 1:12.
- Sowing and reaping takes time. And we reap IN KIND what we sow. And we reap in proportion to what we sow (II Cor. 9:6).
- It is also a spiritual process. And it works both positively (Prov. 11:18) and negatively (Prov. 22:8).

Our responsibility: Do good to all people (especially believers). Don't stop doing good, even when you are weary.

4. Vs. 12-15 Boast in the right thing

Their focus: "Making a good impression outwardly" (vs. 12) and "boasting about the flesh" (vs. 13).

Our responsibility: Remember what really counts: "Boasting in the cross..." (vs. 14) and "What counts is a new creation" (vs. 15). See II Cor. 5:17

Consider the lyrics to Casting Crowns' song, "*Only Jesus.*"

"I don't want to leave a legacy. I don't care if they remember me, only Jesus. And I have only got one life to live, I will let every second point to Him, Only Jesus."

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