

Bearing One Another's Burdens

1. Introduction:

- A. In the last days most people's love will grow cold, so helping other Believers will be less and less important. Matt 24:12-13
- B. This can come from a "me-first" attitude which is an outward growth of lukewarm Christians in the "Last Days." Rev 3:15-17
- C. In the "Last Days" people will become more critical of one another and which contributes to the fact that spiritual love will almost disappear. Jas 5:7-10
- D. As the world goes from bad to worse in the "Last Days" sin will become not just rampant but acceptable. 2 Tim 3:12-14 cf 3:1-11
- E. This indicates that the freedom received in Christ will be used as an opportunity for the flesh rather than an opportunity to serve others. Gal 5:1; 13-15
- F. Principles that were taught early in the Church Age will be neglected and almost forgotten. Gal 6:1-5

Gal 6:1 = Restoring One Who Has Abused Freedom.

C.T. = Brethren, even if a man (ANTHRWPOS) is caught (EAN + PROLAMBANW) in any trespass (EN + TIS + PARAPTWMA), you who are spiritual (PNEUMATIKOS), restore (KATARTIDZW) such a one in a spirit of selflessness (PRAUT8S); each one looking (SKOPEW) to yourself, lest you too may be tempted (PEIRADZW).

Summary:

- 1. In view is a person who has taken a false step, made a blunder, and fallen.
- 2. The first requirement of helping someone is that you yourself be spiritual, which in this context indicates a walk of faith (3:1-5), winning the battle with the flesh (5:16-17) and production of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (5:22-23).
- 3. Our objective should be spiritual _____.
 - a. This involves a mending of the holes in one's _____ which can take some time. Matt 4:21
 - b. It involves a "weaving together" in one's soul the things that prepare one to _____ God. Matt 21:16
 - c. Helping others is part of our _____ to be like Christ. Matt 10:24
 - d. It comes from a desire to see the Body _____.
1 Cor 1:10; 2 Cor 13:11
 - e. It comes from a desire to _____ in time of need. 1 Thes 3:10
 - f. Remember that God is the Master _____. Heb 11:3

- g. Restoration is so we _____ His will, not simply feel better about things.
Heb 13:21**
- h. God is the one who _____ mends the net in our souls after we
have suffered for a little while. 1 Pet 5:10**

- 4. To help restore someone else _____ being selfless, meaning there are no
selfish motives or temptations.**

- 5. We must consistently take inventory of our own _____ so that we do not
fall into error. Luke 11:35**

 - a. We have to mentally consider that there will be those who do not desire to
see _____ relationships. Rom 16:17**
 - b. We must mentally consider hidden _____ in life. 2 Cor 4:18**
 - c. We have to consider the _____ of others. Php 2:4**
 - d. We need _____ to observe. Php 3:17**