

Connect

In what ways is Christian life comparable to a team sport (like soccer or football) and in what ways is it comparable to an individual sport (like wrestling or boxing)?

Verses - Galatians 6:1-10 (NKJV)

1 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. 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. 6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.



Study

1. a. How can Christians restore other Christians who are held captive by trespass?
   b. Why is it important to do this gently?

2. a. In what ways can one Christian bear the burdens of another Christian?
   b. How does this fulfill the law of Christ? (v.2)

3. What universal truth does Paul teach in v.7? Why is it universal?

4. What does it mean to sow in the Spirit?

5. What kind of harvesting would we expect if we sow in the Spirit? When and where? (Romans 8:6; Philippians 3:14, 4:8; Revelation 22:12)

DISCUSS: Given Paul's previous discussion on the freedom we have in Christ, what is he stressing that we must be doing? (Ephesians 4:1-7) What is the church's ultimate goal in keeping the unity through brotherly love? (Philippians 4:2-3; Matthew 28:19-20; John 13:35)

APPLY: How can we accomplish what Paul is hoping that we do, within our small groups? How about outside of our small groups, that is in the world? (1 Peter 4:9-10; Hebrews 10:25)



Share

Paul teaches us that we should be concerned with both the spiritual health and the physical wellbeing of others. What can we do to nurture within ourselves a desire to minister holistically to the needs of others? Share what has been helpful for you to grow in this area.



Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us away from our works of the flesh and help us to perform works of the Spirit.
- Pray He will open our eyes to the needs of the household of faith.
- Pray He will open our eyes to help the world outside of the Church, while time still remains for us to do good.