

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Galatians 6: 1 – 10

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INTRODUCTION

1. What can I, as one very ordinary individual, do to help the cause of Christ?
2. A list of things are given in Galatians 6: 1 – 10.
3. These passages deal with the personal nature of discipleship.
4. They deal with working that which is good toward the souls of men:
 - a. The soul is the most valuable thing on earth – Matt. 16:26; 10:28.
 - b. The greatest service that can be rendered is “soul – service”.
5. Turn to Galatians 6: 1 – 10 to see what I can do to help.

I. I CAN RESTORE THE ERRING – Gal. 6:1

- a. I can restore my brother or sister in Christ who has been overtaken in a sin.
 - i. Simon – Acts 8: 18 – 24.
- b. I must do this in the spirit of meekness – Gal. 6:1; Rom. 12: 3; 2 Tim. 2: 24 – 26.
- c. Self-appraisal must be exercised – Matt. 7: 1 – 5.
- d. In this work I can help save a soul from death – James 5: 19 – 20.

II. I CAN BEAR MY BROTHER'S BURDEN – Gal. 6:2

- a. The word “burden” has reference to the weight or burdens of heart and soul:
 - i. The burden of sickness
 - ii. The burden of trouble
 - iii. The burden of sin
- b. The Corinthians were to comfort the brother who had sinned and been restored – 2 Cor. 2: 6 – 11.
- c. A wife can help her husband with his load of cares and responsibilities, and the husband can help the wife.
- d. I can help any brother that might be discouraged – 1 Thess. 5:14.
- e. In bearing one another's burdens we fulfill the law of Christ.

III. I CAN FACE THE FACTS ABOUT MYSELF – Gal. 6:3

- a. This verse is a warning against self-deception.
- b. This verse sets forth the same truth as verse one – one must have the right attitude toward Self.
- c. An overconfident spirit causes one to fall – 1 Cor. 10:12; Rom. 12:3.
- d. We should guard against self-delusions.
- e. I can help the cause of Christ greatly by making a realistic appraisal of my own abilities and acting accordingly – 2 Cor. 13:5.

IV. I CAN DO MY OWN WORK—Gal.6: 4, 5

- a. I have a load, a responsibility, that I must bear in the salvation of my soul – Phil. 2:12; Gal. 6:5.
- b. So, I must prove my own work by the word of God – 1 Thess. 5:21.
- c. I must examine myself – 2 Cor. 13:5.
- d. I cannot compare myself with others – Christ and His word is the standard – 2 Cor. 10:12; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Pet. 2:21.
- e. We will be judged by our own works – 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Rev. 20:12.
- f. I must discharge my individual responsibilities.

- V. **I CAN SUPPORT PREACHERS OF THE WORD – Gal. 6:6**
- a. Phoebe was a helper of many – Rom. 16:2; Philemon 22
 - b. Gaius – 3 John 5 – 8
 - i. I can speak a word of encouragement.
 - c. By supporting those that teach the truth one thereby is working that which is good toward all men, both rich and poor – Gal. 6:10.
- VI. **I CAN REALIZE THAT “REAPING TIME” IS COMING—Gal. 6: 7 – 8**
- a. I can sow to the flesh by investing only in material things in this life.
 - b. I can sow to the Spirit by investing my money and time in spiritual things.
 - c. I am sowing to the Spirit when I help men preach the gospel, and when I give my time to restore a brother that has fallen.
- VII. **I CAN KEEP ON KEEPING ON – Gal. 6:9**
- a. It has been said that discouragement is the most effective tool in the devil’s workshop.
 - b. God has promised “*for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not*” – Gal. 6:9.
 - c. I Cor. 15:58
- VIII. **I CAN DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN – Gal. 6:10**
- a. Verse 10 is a summation of the first nine verses.
 - b. The good that is to be done unto all men is the good in Verses 1 – 9:
 - i. Restoring a brother – v. 1
 - ii. Helping him bear his burdens of heart and soul – v. 2
 - iii. By supporting gospel preachers and preaching the gospel – v. 6
 - c. The “all men” in verse 10 is far more than “the poor”:
 - i. The word “all” is just as broad as the word “all” in Matt. 29:19.
 - ii. If charity toward the poor is the thing enjoined, we could not work that which is good toward all men, because only a few need physical help.
 - d. All men need spiritual help, and this is what is under consideration.
- IX. **CONCLUSION**