

## **Don't Grow Weary** **Galatians 6:1-10**

Welcome back and here we go! How many of us know.....

1) People can \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_!

### **Galatians 6:1-10**

**<sup>1</sup>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.**

**<sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

**<sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.**

**<sup>4</sup>But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.**

**<sup>5</sup>For each one shall bear his own load.**

**<sup>6</sup>Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.**

**<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

**<sup>8</sup>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.**

**<sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**

**<sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

In the midst of these instructions, Paul gives a command:

*"Bear one another's burden."*

This statement alone says a lot. To bear a burden means to go beyond what would normally be expected. For a pack animal, a load is normal. But a "burden" is overloaded.

*Burden:* Load, duty, responsibility, something oppressive or wearisome!

Often I think: *"you know, I have a lot of problems of my own, but I voluntarily take on yours."* So, I live out **verses 1 and 4**.

2) We are to help others \_\_\_\_\_ judgment!

**Verse 5** tells us why we will bear God's judgment on us and if we judge others, that will be added to my tab! Ugh! Someone once said:

3) \_\_\_\_\_ not lest you be \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Matthew 7:1-3**

You get the drift? Paul is teaching the same thing but going further.

**In Galatians 6:7-8**, we have the Christian's *karma*! But in context here, we are talking about mental attitude!

But be certain...

4) Do not be \_\_\_\_\_. God is not \_\_\_\_\_!

Are you praying for a relationship and yet you have bad behaviors?

...Praying for finances, yet using what you already have poorly?

...Wanting better working relations yet working less out of resentments?

Again, you get the drift.... You will reap what you sow.

**Verse 8** is the transition. So therefore the antidote is **verses 9 and 10**.

5) Do \_\_\_\_\_ to all and do not \_\_\_\_\_ weary!

Paul is saying if you want the blessings, the spiritual blessings afforded to you, serve others, and keep serving.

Who do we serve?

Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, relatives, strangers \_\_\_\_\_.

The problem is people are bankrupt. They are rude, selfish, angry, liars, lazy, smelly.....

They use us, take advantage of, or even hurt us sometimes.

Maybe you are in a situation where you are serving someone, and it is wearing you out.

6) Remember \_\_\_\_\_ !

Maybe you need new boundaries. Maybe it is not healthy for you. In that case, you must take care of yourself. In other words, don't let it go beyond your capabilities.

However, if you are able, you need to continue to serve to the best of your ability, with the joy of the Lord as your strength. Just like Nehemiah.

7) We can't be \_\_\_\_\_ of or \_\_\_\_\_ the people God gave \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.

Whoever is in your life, that is who God has given you to serve.

- Tonight, let's acknowledge where we are weary.
- Let's confess our sins of judgmental-ness.
- Let's ask God to give us strength to continue to be servants.

Just a couple more things..... Someone once said...

**Matthew 11:28-29** <sup>28</sup> *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* <sup>29</sup> *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Let's pray now.

- a) For restoration spiritually
- b) For restoration mentally and physically and emotionally.

Now let's reap.

Tonight's harvest is peace ---- hope ----- and love!