

Will
Life on Life Might Get Messy

Galatians 5:25-6:5

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Summary: What does it mean to live and to walk in the Spirit? It means to empty yourself in serving others out of love for Christ. One of the ways we serve is by correction and restoration of our brothers in the faith. What does it mean to be one who is spiritual? What is the method of restoring a sinning brother? What are the motives? Let's learn better how to "bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ."

1. A. In Galatians 5:25 Paul says, "*If we **live** by the Spirit, let us also **walk** by the Spirit.*" What does this mean in the context of our Scripture passage?
Galatians 6:1-2

- B. What does Paul say **not** to do in this regard?
Galatians 5:26

- C. On the positive side, what does this mean for us?
John 3:3-5, Romans 8:12-14, Galatians 2:20, 3:2-3, Ephesians 3:16-21, 5:18

2. A. Who are the ones to bring restoration to those caught in sin?
Galatians 6:1

- B. What are some characteristics of those "*who are spiritual?*"
Numbers 12:3, Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 3:1-7, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 6:34, II Corinthians 5:9

- C. Do you have a fleeting **desire**, or do you have a **driving ambition** to be pleasing to Christ? Which one is it? What does your schedule tell you about this? How about your checkbook? How might we do better?
John 14:21, Romans 12:1-2, II Corinthians 5:15, 6:16-7:1, Hebrews 12:1-3, I John 1:8-9, 2:15-17

3. A. In what fashion are God's people instructed to help those in sin, and to restore them back to God's ways?
Galatians 6:1-2

- B. What method did Jesus give us?
Matthew 18:15-17

C. Jesus did so much of His ministry “*moved with compassion.*” He had no desire to “shoot the wounded.” Should we not likewise be moved with compassion?
Matthew 9:36-38, 14:14, 15:32, 20:34, Philippians 2:1-5

4. A. Four motives for restoring a sinning Christian back to repentance are:

* It is commanded. Galatians 6:1

* It is the heart of God. II Corinthians 5:18-21, Ephesians 2:1-5

* It fulfills the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

* We are brothers in the family of God. I Thessalonians 5:14-15

B. What is the law of Christ that we are to live by?

Mark 12:30-31

C. How should we be careful regarding our confidence to help a sinning brother?

Galatians 6:3-5