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Bear One Another's Burdens

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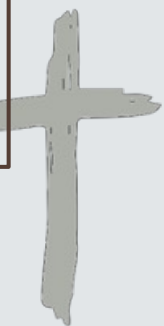
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- 1-2 Defense of the true gospel
- 3-4 Defense of justification by faith
- 5-6 **Call to and introduction for living free**

We can be free when, by **grace**,
faith works itself out in love
for God's glory.



Embodying, through **grace**, the priorities of a disciple and passing them along in relationship for God's glory. (CCBC Functional Mission Statement)

Personal Ministry: getting alongside of people to serve them—to assist them in making the changes God wants them to make (from Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands Study Guide)

The goal of biblical counseling is to give instruction from the Bible so that the counselee can achieve God's goals in his/her life (from IBCD Level 1 Care & Discipleship Handbook)



1 Timothy 1:5 But **the goal of our instruction is love** from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ.**

29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Romans 15:14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that **you yourselves are** full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and **able also to admonish one another.**

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Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- The Spirit creates fellowship, unity and holiness.





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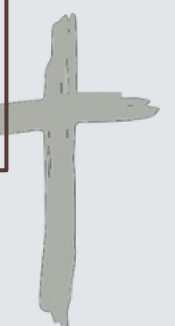
**Mean
Spirited**



1. Restoring a Spiritual Brother with Gentleness

Galatians 6:1 Now Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

- We are all sinners. We all need Jesus. We all need each other. The world needs the gospel.
- In the Spirit, there is balance between personal responsibility & mutual accountability.

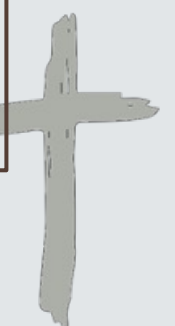




2. Bearing One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

- One who practices restoring others is one who not only points out the sin by pointing to the Word of God but who also comes alongside the individual helping him/her be free from whatever entangles him/her.





3. Warning Against Pride

Galatians 6:3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. **5** For each one will bear his own load.

- Pride is wrong. How intentional are we with God (the gospel/**grace**) and with one another?





Practical Application:

1. Discover the life-giving & life-changing power of ministering the Word to one another.
2. Learn to use and trust in the sufficiency of Scripture in all circumstances of life.
3. Love people by speaking biblical truth, offering comfort, correction and hope as you walk alongside them in times of trials, suffering and testing.
4. Develop personal ministry skills (as a lifestyle) for a lifetime.

