

Love One Another By *Restoring One Another*

(Galatians 6:1)

- Introduction:
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” (Galatians 6:1).
 2. In all the writings of Paul there is no more Christ-like utterance than this. It breathes the very spirit of him who came to seek and to save the lost.
 3. “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:19-20).
 4. The aim of this lesson is to demonstrate the love we have for each other in the process of restoration.

I. Prevention Is Better Than Restoration

- A. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” – Benjamin Franklin.
- B. The reason many restorations are needed in the first place is we did nothing to prevent it from happening.
- C. My dad would say that a car starts missing before it quits.
- D. Ills - Kitty Genovese - 38 witnesses saw the crime and none came to her aid or even called the police.
- E. (2 Corinthians 4:13) I believe, therefore I speak.

II. How To Restore the Fallen

- A. Recognize we have a responsibility.
 1. (Luke 15:1-7).
 2. (Galatians 6:1).
 3. This is not an elder’s or preacher’s job.
- B. Discipline the one who is disorderly.
 1. (Hebrews 12:5-11).
 2. Discipline is an act of love.
 3. (2 Thess. 3:6).
 4. (1 Corinthians 5:1-11).
- C. Do good to them.
 1. (Romans 2:4) Goodness of God leads to repentance.
 2. Ills. “Fireproof” - 2008.
 3. Do good so that the rhetoric “They don’t love me,” doesn’t stick.
 4. (Romans 12:20-21).
- D. Encourage their efforts to return.
 1. (2 Corinthians 2:7-8).
 2. Forgive, comfort, and reaffirm.

- Conclusion:
1. It is a false love that ignores sins in others.
 2. Let’s get busy. We are hands, feet, and mouthpiece of Jesus today.
 3. God needs you (Ephesians 1:23).