

Galatians 6 - A Good Showing In The Flesh

vs. 1-5 - Bear one another's burdens.

- Think context - this follows the lists of deeds of the flesh and fruits of the spirit, and also is contained in a greater context of the argument of circumcision. Also read Galatians 5:25-26 first.
- if anyone is caught or overtaken (catches up to).
- restore...in a spirit of gentleness - restore (make complete, mend).
Imagine a broken arm, how gently you would care for it.
 - Matthew 18:15-20.
 - example - 1Corinthians 5:1-5, 2Corinthians 2:5-11.
 - punish, forgive, comfort, reaffirm your love.
 - it seems that Paul had suggested a more harsh punishment, but they choose to punish and forgive, Paul says their decision is good enough for him. Why argue over the punishment, Satan will use that to scheme against them.
- looking to yourself - so you won't be tempted.
- bear one another's burdens - and fulfill the law of Christ.
 - law of Christ - John 15:12, Romans 13:8. Romans 13:10, Galatians 5:14.
 - so, as we bear one another's burdens we are loving them, which fulfills Christ's law.
- examine his own work - before you can bear someone else's burden you must examine yourself - not pridefully assume you are above reproach. (Matthew 7:1-5).

vs. 6-11 - Let us not lose heart in doing good.

- share all good things (1Corinthians 9:9-11, 1Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- what a man sows flesh or spirit... reaps flesh or spirit.
 - reaping may take time, but don't give up (vs. 9).
- do good to people (especially Christians) - take care of your own spiritual family first.

vs. 12-16 - A new creation.

- to make a good showing (looking good was their goal, they didn't want to be persecuted for the cross). Matthew 10:33.
- I wouldn't boast about anything except the cross.
- a new creation (2Corinthians 5:17).
- walk by this rule.

vs. 17-18 - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- the brand-marks of Jesus.
- grace.