Burden Bearers

Greg Kline · Galatians 6:1–5

INTRODUCTION

- It's a spirit of true unity and love. The difference is in a family, they put Christ first.
- If I am going to be prepared for the judgment, where I answer for my own life, my own acceptance or rejection of the gospel message, I must bear one another's burdens.

1 Three Places to Cast Our Burdens

2 Corinthians 5:10; Psalm 55:22; 2 Timothy 2:24–26

- Well, I am to bear your burdens, you are to bear my burdens.
- 2 Corinthians chapter 5 says, I am responsible for myself before the Lord.
- Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you. He will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- We need to be restoring with gentleness those who are overtaken.
- The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

2 We Don't Truly Care

Matthew 7:15–20

- Consider three reasons why we might struggle to do this. One is because we don't truly care.
- Thus you will recognize them by their fruit.
- How much time have I spent trying to get to know people beyond just saying hi and goodbye and good to see you and good to see you again on Sunday morning?
- We can't help people if all we know is their first name. We cannot fulfill this law if we don't take it seriously.

3 We Don't Know Who Needs Help

Hebrews 10:24–25; Galatians 5:13–14; Psalm 55:22

- Maybe we just don't actually know who needs help or what they need help with.
- Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.
- It might not be that we are the most qualified to help. But we point someone to the one who will always be there, the one who we are to cast our burdens on.

4 Be Willing to Reach Out for Help Ourselves

James 5:13–16

- First of all, we need to be willing to reach out for help ourselves.
- We don't want people to see that I am flawed, that I am sin, that I am struggling.
- Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

- But if no one's willing to share their burdens, we'll never be able to fulfill the law of Christ. It needs to start today, and it needs to start with me.

5 Develop Relationships With Our Whole Church Family

Acts 2:41–47

- They were a true loving family. They knew each other, they loved each other, and they were willing to do anything for one another.
- Burden bearing does not mean always being together day by day. But it does mean that I make an effort to get to know people.
- We need to develop relationships with our whole church family.

6 Point Them to Our God

Colossians 3:1–4

- We don't have all the degrees that American colleges would offer, but we have something better, we have something stronger, and we need to point them to our God.
- If then, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- We need to point everyone through our lives, through our words, through our wisdom and love to our God who first loved us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do we have the love like the New Testament church did? I think we do. I think we can if we're willing to start today. Let's be that loving group.**

MY NOTES