

# CBC BIBLE STUDY—FEBRUARY 14, 2024

## GALATIANS—PRACTICAL EXHORTATIONS

### CHAPTER 6

Exhortation—an address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something

A. Biblically, the word used here is EXHORTING. It is defined as strongly encouraging or urging someone to do something. It has the sense of pushing forward.

#### HOW TO DEAL/MINISTER WITH A FALLEN BROTHER OR SISTER

##### 1. Those godly Persons

##### 1. Gently and Humbly—with compassion and without being prideful

A. Persons with a proud attitude think they are too important to help the weak.

B. Tenderly and not looking down on a fallen comrade

A pastor once said the following: “I have often thought that if I ever fall into a trespass, I will pray that I do not fall into the hands of those censorious, critical

judges in the church. Let me fall into the hands of barkeepers, streetwalkers, or

dope peddlers, because such people would tear me apart with their long, wagging, gossipy, tongues, cutting me to shreds.”

Spiritual mature believers are the only one with the wisdom or the right to discipline fellow believers—just as only spiritual believers are the only ones with the right to leadership in the church. ( Pastors and Deacons—only biblical offices)

1Timothy 3:1-13 NKJV

”This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.“

Titus 1:5-9 NKJV

”For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

1Corinthians 15:10 NKJV

”But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.“

B. Except for the grace of God, there go I.

Avoid being pulled down into what you are seeking to assist others in getting out of!!!

WORK, RESPONSIBILITY, and REWARDS (verses 4-6)

Rather than thinking “more highly of ourselves than we ought to”, we should

EXAMINE OUR OWN WORK and insure we obey Christ in EVERYTHING.

VS-5—if we as believers carry our own load, we will have no reason or occasion to

look down on others with contempt! We will have to give an account for our work,

and not another. Even believers can stumble for we are made of the same stuff

as those who have fallen. Believers must observe and consider their work before

looking at another's!!!

Before seeking to discipline another, one ought ask a special portion of Christ's

love and gentleness. "IF THE FATHER DOES NOT WANT EVEN ONE OF HIS OWN

TO BE DEVASTATED (Matthew 18:14), AND IF THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME

TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM (Luke 9:56), HOW MUSH LESS DO HIS FOLLOWERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE DESTRUCTIVE RATHER THAN HELPFUL"?

We are told to BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS! What does this mean?

BEAR means to CARRY WITH ENDURANCE.

BURDENS refers to heavy loads which are difficult to lift and carry.

The TEMPTATION to return to past sins can be a heavy load for a struggling

Christian. "THE BROTHER OR SISTER WHO HAS BEEN DELIVERED FROM A

TRESPASS HAS AN OBLIGATION TO LET HIS SPIRITUAL FRIENDS HELP HIM  
OR

HER CARRY THEIR BURDENS. IT IS PRIDE ALONE THAT MAKES A PERSON  
WANT TO GO IT ALONE!”

“When believers BEAR ONE ANOTHER’S BURDENS, THEY FULFILL THE LAW  
OF CHRIST:

John 13:34 NKJV

”A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved  
you, that you also love one another.“

LIVING TO PLEASE THE SPIRIT:

A. This is only possible in the Spirit’s power!

Galatians 6:16 NKJV

”And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them,  
and upon the Israel of God.“

B. Those who trust in human effort/flesh/law, are living to satisfy the sinful  
nature. They will harvest DECAY and DEATH! Those who walk in the  
Spirit’s power and trust in God will harvest everlasting life.

C. Don’t Get Tired

1. Sinful behavior can/will creep in

1. Returning to the code of conduct/law

Reaping will come—if we do not give up, there is the assurance that a harvest awaits us. God’s promises of such require our steadfast perseverance in faith.

#### FINAL APPEAL BY PAUL

1. Paul writes the ending portion of the letter—to affirm its authenticity.
1. Paul states the purpose for having written this letter to Galatians Christians.
1. Their faith in Christ alone made them part of the Israel of God—not circumcision or seeking to follow the Law!
1. Paul left no room for criticism of himself as authentic in the faith of Christ. His scars of suffering were proof that he was Christ’s servant!!!

Galatians 6:18 NKJV

”Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.“

“More than law, the Galatians needed THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST to be with their spirit.”

Let’s PRAY