

The Reality of

Individual

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Accountability**



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PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY — GALATIANS 5,6

Personal Responsibility Cannot Be Shifted —

- ◆ Standing fast in the liberty by which Christ has made us free — 5:1-6 (cf 1:6-9; 3:26,27)
- ◆ Fulfilling the “Law of Love” — 5:7-15
- ◆ Walking in the Spirit — 5:16-26

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BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS (6:1-2)

Restoring one overtaken in any trespass – (1)

- ◆ **One who has stumbled** – (Gal 2:11-14; James 5:19,20; Mat 18:15-17; Luke 15:4-7)
- ◆ **Duty of the spiritual** – (5:22,23; Rom. 15:1)
- ◆ **Spirit of gentleness** – “with love, gentleness, humility, and patience, - with a readiness to forgive when wrong has been done” — Barnes' (5:23; 1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Tim 2:25; James 3:13)
- ◆ **Considering self** – (Mat 7:1-5; 1 Cor. 10:12)

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Fulfilling The Law of Christ – (2)

- ◆ **Bear** – to support, sustain, help hold up - (Gal 5:13,14; Rom. 15:1; 1 Thes 5:14)
- ◆ **Burdens** – aide one another in overcoming temptations, trials, hardships, weaknesses, etc. - (Rom 8:35-39; Heb. 12:1-15)
- ◆ **Law of Christ** – the law of love, serving others instead of ourselves - (5:13; John 13:34; Phili 2:1-8; 1 John 3:16-19; 4:7-11)

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BEARING OUR OWN BURDENS (6:3-5)

Watch Out For Pride – (3)

- ◆ **The danger of self deception** – we need to see ourselves as we really are – none of us are above falling - (Gal 5:26; 1 Cor 10:12; Jam 1:21-25)
- ◆ **Examine our own work** – Faith, obedience, work, worship, (2 Cor. 13:5; Mat. 7:1-5; Rom 2; 14:10-13)
- ◆ **Each one shall bear his own burden** – We are responsible for ourselves - (Rom 14:7,8,10-12)

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BEARING THE TEACHERS BURDEN (6:6)

Share With Him Who Teaches – (6)

- ◆ **Let him who is taught share** - A continuation of the idea of bearing burdens and putting the fruit of the Spirit into practice
- ◆ **Share all good things with the teacher** - If one is taught the Word, then he has had a burden lifted – when the one taught is faithful and supportive – he/ she lifts one of the teachers burdens - 1 Cor 9:7-14; Phili 4:1,15-18; 3 Jn 1:4

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REAPING WHAT WE SOW (6:7-10)

Do Not Be Deceived – (7)

◆ **A warning often given –**

- ❖ The fate of the unrighteous – 1 Cor 6:9-11
- ❖ The danger of ungodly friends – 1 Cor 15:33
- ❖ The deception of temptation – James 1:13-16
- ❖ The danger of beguiling words – Ep 5:6; Co 2:4
- ❖ The deceitfulness of sin - Heb 3:13; 1 Jn 1:8
- ❖ Hearers but not doers – James 1:22,26
- ❖ Deceived into thinking that those who practice righteousness are not really righteous – 1 Jn 3:7

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God Is Not Mocked – (7)

- ◆ **Lit. “to turn up the nose at”** – “the reference is not to verbal scoffing, but to the despising of God by a man’s being, by his whole manner of life” (TDNT)
- ◆ Job 13:8 - . . . will ye contend for God?
- ◆ Jude 1:18 — How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
- ◆ By being immoral, impure & covetous - (Eph 5:3)
- ◆ Participating in or approving of any sinful conduct (Eph. 5:1-18; Rom 1:28-32)

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REAPING WHAT WE SOW (6:7-10)

We Are All Sowing – but to What?

- ◆ **Sow the flesh (works of the flesh) now -**
reap corruption / eternal separation
from God in hell – (5:16-21; 2 Thes 1:7-9)
- ◆ **Sow the Spirit (fruit of the Spirit) now -**
reap eternal life – (5:16-18,22-25; Rom
2:7,10; 1 Pet 1:3-9)
- ◆ **I will reap what I have sown – not what
you have sown – Rom. 2:5-11; 14:10-12;
2 Cor. 5:10; Mat 25:31-46; John 5:28,29**

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REAPING WHAT WE SOW (6:7-10)

Not To Grow Weary In Doing Good?

- ◆ **In due season we will reap IF we do not lose heart** – the reward is later – not now – (Heb 11:13-16; 1 Cor. 15:58; Heb 12:1-3)
- ◆ **We as individuals MUST be busy doing good** – doing what is needed as opportunity presents itself / not necessarily what is desired – (Eccl. 9:10; Eph 5:16; Col. 4:5; Luke 6:45; 1 Tim 5:15; 1 Thes 3:10)
- ◆ **Especially to those who are of the household of faith** – the principle is seen in the physical family, (1 Tim 5:8,16), and holds true in the spiritual family – (Acts 2:44; 4:32ff)

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ONE DAY WE
WILL REAP WHAT
WE HAVE SOWN
WHAT ARE YOU
SOWING?

FOR WHOM ARE
YOU LIVING?



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Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

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⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who *"will render to each one according to his deeds"*:

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.