

Equipping the Saints to Bear One Another's Burdens

Intro:

1. Practical aspects in equipping the saints — Gal. 5:25-6:10.

Body:

- I. We are to fulfill the law of Christ — Gal. 6:2.
 - A. Summed up — Matt. 22:37-39; Matt. 7:12; Jn. 13:34-35.
 1. To save souls — Rom. 9:1-3.
 2. To use our blessings to bless others — 1 Jn. 3:17-18.
 - a. N.T. examples — Acts 2:45; Acts 11:29-30.
 - II. We who are spiritual are to follow given guidelines — Gal. 6:1.
 - A. Not all qualify as spiritual — 1 Cor. 3:1.
 1. Only the strong — Rom. 15:1.
 2. Those who can bear their own burdens — Gal. 6:5.
 3. Those who take knowledge of the word — 1 Cor. 14:37.
 - B. Every Christian should work to qualify himself. How?
 1. Look to thyself — Gal. 6:1.
 - a. Lest we fall — 1 Cor. 10:12.
 - b. Carefully weigh self — Gal. 5:26, 6:3-4.
 - (1) Prove self — 2 Cor. 10:12-13.
 - (2) Think of others — Phil. 2:3-4.
 2. Develop a spirit of gentleness — Gal. 6:1.
 - a. Consider — 2 Tim. 2:24-26.
 - b. Consider Jesus' teaching — Lk. 15:11-32.
 - c. Consider Jesus' action — Jn. 8:11.
 - III. We are not to faint — Gal. 6:9.
 - A. We must persevere in our efforts.
 - B. As we have opportunity — Gal. 6:10.
 1. Jesus said — Jn. 9:4.

Conc:

1. Are you bearing a burden of guilt, shame, and remorse?
 - a. Jesus can help you tonight.
 - b. We can help you bear your burden tonight.