

Galatians 6:2-5

2-3. BEAR one another's BURDENS and so FULFILL the LAW of CHRIST. For if anyone **THINKS himself to be SOMETHING, when he is NOTHING, he DECEIVES HIMSELF.**

- **James 2:8** "If you really _____ the _____ according to Scripture, 'You shall _____ your _____ as yourself,' you do _____."
- **Romans 13:8-10** "Owe no man anything except to _____ one another, for he who _____ another has _____ the _____. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all _____ up in this saying, 'You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself.' _____ does no _____ to a neighbor; therefore _____ is the _____ of the law."
- **Matthew 22:36-40** "'Teacher, which is the great _____ in the _____?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the _____ and great commandment. And the _____ is like it: You shall _____ your _____ as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'"
- **John 15:12 & 17** "This is _____ commandment, that you _____ one another as I have _____ you." "These things I command you, that you _____ one another."

Definition: "BEAR one another's BURDENS and so FULFILL the LAW of CHRIST" - The "law of Christ" is the same as "the royal law" in James 2:8-9 and "keeping the commandment of Jesus" in other Scriptures. **Jesus is our King, so the "ROYAL LAW" is His COMMANDMENT to "LOVE your neighbor as yourself" and to "LOVE one another" as He loved us.** The Holy Spirit gives us the love of God in our hearts and the power to carry out the commandments, and **"BEARING one another's BURDENS" is one way we SHOW our LOVE to one another as Christians. To "bear" means to lift and take up the heavy load from someone.** We help, comfort, and "lift the burdens" of our fellow Christians as we fulfill Christ's "law" and example for us. Lifting those "burdens" may be by helping with financial and physical needs, giving emotional support, prayer, or just listening when a brother or sister has a problem.

- **Romans 15:1-2** "We then who are strong ought to _____ with the scruples of the _____, and not to please _____. Let each of us _____ his _____ for his _____, leading to edification."
- **Romans 8:2** "For the _____ of the _____ of _____ in Christ _____ has made me _____ from the _____ of sin and death."
- **John 13:34-35** "A new _____ I give to you, that you _____ one _____, even as I have loved you, that you also _____ one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have _____ for _____."
- **Philippians 2:1-4** "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any _____ of _____, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any _____ and mercy, _____ my joy by being like-minded, having the same _____, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through _____ ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each

esteem _____ better than himself. Let each of you _____ not only for his own interests, but also for the _____ of _____."

- **I John 3:18-19** "My little children, let us not _____ in _____ or in tongue, but in _____ and in _____. And by _____ we know that we are of the _____, and shall assure our hearts before Him."
- **I John 2:7 & 3:11** "Brethren, I write no new _____ to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you _____ from the _____." "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should _____ one _____."
- **I John 3:23** "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and _____ one _____, just as He _____ us."
- **I Timothy 1:5** "But the goal of our _____ is _____ from a pure _____ and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

Definition: "THINKS himself to be SOMETHING, when he is NOTHING, he DECEIVES HIMSELF" - This is referring to **PRIDE**. The person who is full of himself ("**THINKS himself to be SOMETHING**"), **PRIDEFUL**, and conceited, is self-deceived. He can't see clearly or judge situations clearly, because **his pride gets in the way**. We must ask God to examine us and our motives to make sure we are not **doing things out of pride and selfish motives**. The Bible has a lot to say about self-examination and confession of our sins. We need to examine ourselves, for instance, because God wants us to have a healthy self-esteem, but not to be puffed up with pride and conceit. Our motives, even in doing something good, may be warped by self-centeredness. We may need to ask ourselves, "Why am I helping this person? Do I hope to get something out of it? Does it make ME feel better or feel "superior" to be "fixing" someone else?" God tells us that **if we will JUDGE or EXAMINE ourselves**, we will not be judged in the sense of being corrected and disciplined by Him. Many times **we need a REALITY CHECK, because we don't think we have a problem with pride**, or anger, or envy, or any other "negative emotion" or sin. Pride can be thinking you are better than others, but it can also be just **holding onto your own will - YOUR right to make YOUR OWN decisions**, instead of turning your will over to God completely.

- **I Corinthians 3:18** "Let no one _____ himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age (full of worldly pride), let him become a fool that he may become wise."
- **I Corinthians 11:28 & 31-32** "But let a man _____ himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." "For if we would _____ ourselves, we would _____ be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened (disciplined) by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world."
- **Acts 5:36** "For some time ago Theudas rose up, _____ to be _____. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to _____."
- **I Chronicles 28:9** "As for you, my son Solomon, know the _____ of your father, and serve Him with a _____ heart and with a _____ mind; for the Lord _____ all _____ and understands all the _____ of the _____. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him (if you reject Christ), He will cast you off forever."
- **Psalms 7:9** "Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just (righteous ones); for the _____ God _____ the _____ and _____."
- **Psalms 139:1** "O Lord, You have _____ me and _____ me."

- **Psalm 139:23-24** "_____ me, O God, and know my _____; try (test) me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any _____ way in me, and lead me in the way _____."
- **Jeremiah 17:9-10** "The _____ is _____ above all things, and desperately _____; who can _____ it? I, the Lord, _____ the _____, I test the _____, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."
- **I Corinthians 2:10-11** "But God has revealed them to us through His _____. For the Spirit _____ all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the _____ of the man which is _____ him? Even so no one _____ the things of God except the _____ of God"
- **Romans 7:10-11** "And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For _____, taking occasion by the commandment, _____ me, and by it killed me."

Definition: "Let him become a FOOL that he may become WISE" - Most of the time, God's word tells us NOT to act like a fool, but in this sense, it means **becoming a fool in regards to the world's "wisdom" in order to become WISE in God's true wisdom.** The world's wisdom is complete FOOLISHNESS to God, and when we follow God's wisdom, **we will seem like FOOLS** to the WORLD. I Corinthians 1:26-29 says that **God has chosen us** (the foolish, weak, base and despised ones yes, that's us!) instead of the rich, powerful, famous people, the "celebrities" that "the world" values so much. **I don't mind being considered weak or foolish in the world's eyes**, as long as God Himself has chosen me to be with Him for all eternity! All the people whose lives and material possessions were shown and admired on TV shows such as "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" will be going to hell for all eternity, unless some of them repented and gave their lives to Jesus Christ. On the other hand, look how many prison inmates, drug addicts and alcoholics, prostitutes, homeless bums, and other **people who are despised and looked down on by the world have come to Christ** and had their lives turned around and made beautiful and useful to God. **The world doesn't understand why God would even want those people**, but we see that He loves us all, and He gets the glory when one of us commits our life to Him. So, let's rejoice and give God the glory, because He has chosen us IN SPITE OF anything we could contribute. So don't feel bad if you feel you're "not good enough" or feel that you are unworthy of God's love. Especially, don't listen to **those lies of the devil**, and his messengers through whom he speaks who tell you you're worthless or a loser or whatever. **We are ALL unworthy, but God chose us anyway - hallelujah!** Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and **you can say, "I am a sinner! He came to SAVE me!"** God chooses the foolish, weak, base (lowly) and despised things of this world, so if you sometimes feel like you are too foolish, too weak, too lowly, or too despised for anyone to want you, you know **you are EXACTLY what God wants! Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do NOTHING"** (John 15:5), so rejoice and be happy that you have nothing to bring to God, or offer Him, and neither does anyone else.

- **II Corinthians 12:11** "I have become a _____ in _____; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent (best) apostles, though I am _____."
- **I Corinthians 1:26-29** "For you see your calling, brethren, that _____ many _____ according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God has chosen the _____ things of the _____ to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the _____ things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world, and the things which are _____ God has chosen (verse 29) "That no flesh (no human being) should glory in His presence."
- **Romans 1:22** "Professing to _____, they became _____."

Definition: "SIN taking occasion by the commandment DECEIVED ME" - Sin will **ALWAYS** DECEIVE US. When we hear a COMMANDMENT of God telling us NOT to do something, our SINFUL FLESH many times tells us that God is somehow HOLDING OUT on us, and that **He just doesn't want us to have any fun**. Quite the OPPOSITE IS TRUE - God only tells us **NOT TO DO those things** that would be **HARMFUL and DESTRUCTIVE** to our lives.

4-5. But let each one EXAMINE his OWN WORK, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For **each one shall BEAR his OWN LOAD**.

- **I Corinthians 11:28** "But let a man _____, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."
- **I Corinthians 3:8** "Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and _____ one will _____ his _____ reward according to his _____ labor."
- **Romans 14:10 & 12** "But why do you judge your _____? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall _____ stand before the _____ Seat of Christ." (Verse 12) "So then _____ of us shall give _____ of himself to _____."
- **Proverbs 9:12** "If you are wise, you are wise for _____, and if you scoff, you _____ will _____ it."
- **II Corinthians 13:5** "_____ yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove _____. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you are disqualified."

Definition: "LET each one EXAMINE his OWN WORK" and "EACH one shall BEAR his OWN LOAD" - Read the notes above on **"THINKS himself to be SOMETHING, when he is NOTHING"**. We need to examine the "works" or things we do for the Lord, and make sure we're not doing them out of selfish motives, especially motives of pride. **Those "good works" done out of selfish and impure motives will receive NO rewards** from God, either in this life or when we get to heaven. It is possible for a person to be saved and go to heaven, but be almost completely devoid of rewards for what they've done in this life, even when the person SEEMED TO BE such a "good Christian". In this context, "bearing our own load" is NOT the same as "bearing one another's burdens", but is in regards to our rewards we will receive from God when we get to heaven. Your "own load" when you stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ will be "bearing" the consequences of your own lack of works that were done with right motives and in the power of the Spirit. **You won't be able to put the BLAME on anyone else - YOU will BEAR that load.**

- **Ephesians 6:8** "Knowing that whatever _____ anyone does, he will _____ the same from the _____, whether he is slave or free."
- **Read I Corinthians 3:11-15** (Verses 14-15) "If anyone's _____ which he has built on it endures, he will _____ a _____. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he _____ will be _____, yet so as through _____."

Definition: "SO AS through FIRE" - This refers to people who have received Jesus as Savior, been born again, and are SAVED, but who have never really made Jesus LORD OF ALL in their life. They will make it to heaven, but will receive NO REWARDS!! All of their **so-called good works** were done in their own human strength (in the FLESH), and are WORTHLESS (Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do NOTHING." John 15:5) - **The worthless, human "works" will be BURNED up.**