

Galatians 6:10-13

10-11. Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us DO GOOD to ALL, ESPECIALLY to those who are of the HOUSEHOLD of FAITH.** See with what **large letters I have written to you with my own hand!**

- **Acts 6:1-4** "Now at this time while the _____ were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their _____ were being overlooked in the daily _____ of _____. And the Twelve (the Apostles) summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable for _____ to _____ the _____ of _____ in order to _____ tables. But select from among you, brethren, seven _____ of good _____, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in _____ of this task. But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.'"
- **I Timothy 5:9-10** "Let a _____ be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, having a reputation of _____; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown _____ to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has _____ those in _____, and if she has _____ herself to every _____."
- **James 1:27** "This is _____ and undefiled _____ in the sight of our God and Father, to visit (help) _____ and _____ in their _____, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."
- **James 2:14-16** "What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a _____ or _____ is without _____ and in _____ of daily _____, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled'; and yet you do not give them what is _____ for their _____; what use is that?"
- **Proverbs 31:20** "She extends her _____ to the _____, yes, she reaches out her hands to the _____."
- **Titus 3:14** "And let our people also _____ to _____ in good _____ to meet urgent _____, that they may not be unfruitful."

Definition: "Let us DO GOOD to ALL" - As Christians, we have a responsibility to "do good" to people of all ways of life, but **God's word does give the PRIORITY to our "ministering to the poor Saints" (the church, or "household of faith")**. The Bible has many words for Believers, and the word "saints" means "holy ones," and is referring to Christians only. Our primary command is to love the "brethren" (also a word meaning "Christians") and help to supply the needs of those who are suffering and unable to work. In Bible times, **widows and orphans** were especially in need of food, clothing and other financial help, as there were no social or government welfare agencies to help. In the Bible, able-bodied people are commanded to find some kind of work, and not to be a burden on the church.

- **Luke 14:13-14** "And when you give a feast, invite the _____, the maimed, the _____, the _____. And you will be _____, because they cannot _____ you; for you shall be _____ at the resurrection of the just (righteous, Believers)."
- **II Corinthians 8:3-4** "For I bear witness that according to their _____, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely _____, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the _____ (for the Believers in Jerusalem) and the fellowship of the _____ to the _____."

- **II Corinthians 9:1 & 5** "Now concerning the _____ to the _____, it is superfluous for me to write to you." (Verse 5) "Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the _____ to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your bountiful (generous) _____ beforehand, which you had previously _____, that it may be ready as a matter of _____ and not as a grudging obligation."
- **II Corinthians 9:7& 12** "So let each one give as he purposes in his _____, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God _____ a cheerful _____." (Verse 12) "For the administration of this service not only _____ the _____ of the _____, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God."

Definition: "ESPECIALLY to those who are of the HOUSEHOLD of FAITH" - The church, or "household of the faith", which is made up of individual Believers, is to provide for their pastors and teaching elders, and for older widows who have no family to care for them. In larger church bodies, where there is a food pantry or other assistance program set up, it is usually the deacons that administer those programs. The first deacons in the church were chosen for the purpose of **feeding the widows in the church** (Acts 6:1-4). In II Corinthians 8 and 9, Paul is speaking of taking an offering from the church in Corinth to the church in Jerusalem, where the Believers there were suffering from a famine. **The only "welfare program" of the early church** was to widows over the age of sixty, who had no family to provide for them, and for very young children who were orphans. Younger women were commanded to get married and let their husbands support them (I Timothy 5:11-15).

- **Acts 9:36 & 39** "At Joppa there was a certain _____ named _____, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was _____ of _____ and _____ deeds which she did." (Verse 39) "Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And _____ the _____ stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and _____ which Dorcas had made while she was with them."
- **Matthew 25:34-40** "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was _____ and you gave Me _____; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you _____ Me; I was sick and you _____ Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You _____ and _____ You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and _____ You? Or when did we see You _____, or in _____, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of _____ My _____, you did it to _____.'"

Definition: "You DID IT to one of the least of these MY BRETHREN" - When Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these **My BRETHREN**," **He is speaking about BELIEVERS**. Whenever **the word "brethren" (brothers and sisters)** is used, it is referring to **Believers in Christ**, not the general public. We can certainly do charitable deeds to unbelievers, and that is the basis of much missionary work, but **to be "doing it to Jesus"**, we must be ministering to a member of His Body, the church (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Definition: "With what LARGE LETTERS I have written to you with MY OWN HAND" - Paul would usually have a "secretary" or assistant do the actual writing of his letters. As he nears the end of his letter to the Galatians, he tells them to notice how big his writing is, and that he is writing himself, not having someone else do it. Some Bible scholars have thought that Paul's letters were big because he had eye

problems. We really don't know the reason he wrote in "large letters" but the reason Paul wrote this letter in his own handwriting was to let the Galatian church see that it really was from him, and not someone forging his name to something. The message Paul was giving them about the false teachers (Judaizers) was so important, he wanted to make sure they saw that this letter was really from him.

- **Galatians 4:15** "What then was the _____ you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have _____ your own _____ and _____ them to _____."

Definition: "You would have PLUCKED OUT your own EYES" - This could be an expression, such as "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse" or "he's really a pain in the neck." Or **it's possible that Paul's physical infirmity had affected his eyesight.** Either way, it shows how much the Galatian believers loved Paul, and even treated him as if he were "an angel of God" or Christ Himself, and he is wondering why they have now turned against him.

- **Galatians 4:13-14** "You know that because of _____ I preached the _____ to you at the _____. And my _____ which was in my _____ you did _____ despise or reject, but you _____ me as an _____ of God, even as Christ Jesus."

12-13. As many as desire **to make a GOOD SHOWING in the FLESH**, these try to compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but **they desire to have you circumcised that they may GLORY in your FLESH.**

- **Romans 16:17-18** "Now I urge you, brethren, _____ those who cause _____ and offenses, contrary (against) to the _____ which you learned, and _____ them. For those who are such do _____ serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly (fleshly appetites), and by _____ and _____ speech _____ the hearts of the simple."
- **II Peter 2:1-3** "But there were also _____ prophets among the people, even as there will be _____ among you, who will secretly bring in _____ heresies (false teachings), even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And _____ will _____ their destructive ways, because of whom the Way of Truth will be blasphemed. By _____ they will _____ you with _____ words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber."

Definition: "To make a GOOD SHOWING in the FLESH" & "That they may GLORY in your FLESH" - A "good showing" and "to glory" means to BOAST and BRAG about their so-called accomplishments, or in this case, **the number of CONVERTS. These false teachers were DECEPTIVE and seeking to draw people into their own group.** How sad that some Christians actually fall for the "flattering words" of false teachers, and get caught up in cults and false religions! **Some Christians also get caught up in concentrating too much on NUMBERS**, such as "how many people I led to Christ" or "how many people got baptized in our church" or "how many people attended our services." God is not concerned with mere numbers, but the quality of the lives of the people, and the motivations of those who are ministering to them. In Paul's day, in Galatia, these false teachers wanted "numbers" too, to show how many people they had circumcised, so that they could brag about them.

- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** ".....Let not the wise man _____ in his wisdom; let not the mighty man _____ in his might; let not the _____ man _____ in his _____ but let him that _____ glory in this, that he understands and _____ Me, that I am the _____ who exercises loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I _____, says the _____."
- **Matthew 23:15** "Woe to you, scribes and _____, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to _____ one _____, and when he is _____, you make him twice as much a _____ of _____ as _____."

Definition: "PROSELYTE" - A "proselyte" is a person who has been **converted from one religion to another, or from one belief, sect, party, etc. to another**. These false teachers of Paul's day were much like the Pharisees that Jesus dealt with and condemned for their hypocrisy. Both sects (groups) were **ONLY interested in GAINING MORE FOLLOWERS for their group, and not interested in the spiritual well-being of the people themselves**. Jesus said the Pharisees made their converts "sons of hell" and that is a very harsh statement. These Judaizers that were infiltrating the Galatian church **claimed to believe in Jesus, but by adding "works" (such as circumcision) and the keeping of the Mosaic Law, they were misleading people**, and it might have caused some to miss out on heaven completely, because they would be relying on their "good works" instead of Jesus Christ.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that _____ of yourselves, it is the _____ of God; _____ of _____, lest anyone should _____."
- **Titus 3:4-5** "But after that the _____ and _____ of God our Savior toward man appeared, _____ by _____ of righteousness which _____ have done, but according to His _____ He _____ us, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed (poured out) on us _____ through Jesus Christ our Savior."

Definition: "Only that they may not SUFFER PERSECUTION for the CROSS of CHRIST" - These **false teachers, the "Judaizers"**, wanted to believe in Jesus, yet "stay Jewish" so that they would not be persecuted by the Jewish leaders (the same Jewish leaders that crucified Jesus). Some Christians nowadays **want to BLEND IN with their old unsaved friends** for the same reason - so that they will not be made fun of or persecuted in any way.

- **John 9:22** "His parents said these things because they _____ the _____, for the Jews (Jewish leaders) had agreed already that if _____ confessed that He was _____, he would be _____ of the _____. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'"
- **John 12:42-43** "Nevertheless even among the _____ many _____ in Him, but because of the _____ they did not _____ Him [openly], lest they should be put _____ of the _____; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."
- **I Peter 4:2-4** "That he (the Believer) should no longer _____ the rest of his time in the _____ for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our _____ lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles - when we walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they (your old friends) think it

_____ that you do _____ with _____ in the same
flood of dissipation, _____ of you."