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Being an Encourager (Part 1)

Galatians 6:1-4

John Maxwell said, “Everyone can become an encourager.” You don’t have to be rich. You don’t have to be a genius. You don’t have to have it all together. All you have to do is care about people and initiate.

I. An Encourager Seeks to R People Who Have Sinned (v 1)

When Paul said, “Brethren if a man is overtaken in any trespass,” He really means not “**if**” but “**W**” ...!

The word “**overtaken**” = Caught off guard... Taken by surprise...

The word “**trespass**” = A **M**...

It’s inevitable that we will sin because of human “waywardness” and “**W**” ...!

“**You who are spiritual**” = Those whose lives are lived under the control of the Holy Spirit...!

Some people have a misguided understanding of what it means to be spiritual.

Being spiritual is not how high you jump when you get happy, but it’s how **S** you walk when you come back down...!

“Restore” = To set something in its right place.

Paul tells us how or with what spirit we should restore others.

“... in the spirit of gentleness” = humility... M... meekness...

The true test of whether you have the heart of an encourager has to do with how you treat people who have S...

At the end of verse one, Paul tells us why we should restore people who have fallen into sin with a gentle and meek spirit.

“Considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

We consider other people’s sin as worse than ours... (v 3 and 4)

II. An Encourager Tries to Help People Who Are S (v 2)

² *Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

“Bear” = to carry... take up... support... to lift

In a broader sense, “burden” could refer to anything that causes people to be weighted down.

If you want to be an encourager, ask yourself, “Am I helping anyone to bear his/her burdens?”