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Being an Encourager (Part 2)

Galatians 6:5-10

In chapter 5, Paul drew a contrast between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit.

In chapter 6, Paul moves from the theory of the fruit of the Spirit to the practice of living a Spirit-filled life in real-life situations.

One of the ways we manifest the fruit of the Spirit is when we encourage others.

Last week, we discussed the importance of encouraging others. Today I want us to continue the discussion on the importance of being an encourager.

I. An Encourager Knows that Sometimes You Have to Encourage Y (verse 5)

The word “**load**” in this verse is different than the word “**burden**” in verse two.

In verse 5, the word “**load**” carries a different metaphorical picture.

It is the idea of a ship that is W down with cargo, yet it stays afloat in the choppy waters...

Some people are good at lifting other people’s burdens, but they fall apart and sink to the bottom when burdens come their way.

It is a sign that they are not as S as they would have you to believe. (1 Cor. 10:12)
Sometimes you must bear your own burdens.

It's important for spiritual folks to hide the Word in their hearts! (Psalm 119:11; Romans 8:3; James 4:7; James 4:7; Isaiah 54:17; Psalm 23; Proverbs 18:24)

II. An Encourager Offers Generous Support to Others (verse 6)

The “him” of verse 6 is referring to the same person he mentioned in verse one: **“You who are spiritual.”**

In that light, Paul says **“Let him who is taught (or who receives the word) share (or give to) in all good things with him who teaches (Pastors/ministers and teachers of the Word).”**

Now, while Paul is speaking primarily about financial needs, it is not L_____ to that (support, encouragement, money, forgiveness, understanding, rest, a kind word, appreciation....).

This tells me that there is a correlation between true spirituality and your regard for your pastor/minister.

III. An Encourager Strives to Be C_____ (Verse 9)

The words **“grow weary”** = to F_____, lose heart, to become slothful in duty, to give up.

What does he mean by **“doing good”**? He is talking about the **“fruit of the Spirit”** / all that he has admonished them to do in verses 1-8.

Paul is talking about a consistent lifestyle of doing good...

When you do good – the Law of S_____ and reaping becomes a reality in your life ... (v 9b).

Paul gives a closing admonition in verse 10—**“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”**