## THE WORK THAT GOD REQUIRES: SOWING AND REAPING, SNARES AND REPAIRS Galatians 6:1-10

#### **VS.** 1

If someone is caught/snared in sin, what then?

"you who are spiritual" Those who are not gratifying the sinful nature (vs. 16) but who are led by the Holy Spirit and whose lives display good 'fruit' (Matt. 7:3-5)

"restore him" Clear purpose born out of love for our brother. Restoration, not condemnation, humiliation nor annihilation (John 13:34)

"gently" The way in which the restoration is to take place. Recall Matt. 7:12

"you also may be tempted"

Perhaps caught in the same snare.

Perhaps mired in pride (Luke 18:11)

Recall 1 Cor. 10:12-13

VSS. 2-5

When a bro/sis is crushing beneath the load, the love of Christ won't allow us to just stand there.

Stay humble. Check your own heart against the standard of Christ.

Each carrying his own load is to be the norm, but believers are to invest in one another "until we all reach unity...and become mature" (Eph. 4:13)

At least three important benefits here:

The 'instructor' is encouraged to see the spiritual hunger.

The 'instructor' may learn something they missed in their own study.

The 'receiver' is able to rehearse the truth they have learned, thereby stimulating growth.

### VSS. 7-10

A strong warning in a pretty simple principle: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Are you sowing to please the sinful nature? (5:19-21)

That's what will grow.

Ultimately, the harvest is destruction.

# Are you sowing to please the Holy Spirit? (Gal. 5:22-23) That's what will grow.

Ultimately, the harvest is eternal life.

### "as we have opportunity"

This is not something we just stumble into and do because it fits into our day.

In the Greek, it's Kairos. A season.

The implication is not the convenience of the season but the necessity of the task at hand whether the time provides a good convenient opportunity or not

Don't give up doing good...

To all people.

And especially to those who belong to the family of believers (John 13:35)