God's Calling Requirements Part 43 Living Word for God's Church

"I Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden. 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:1-10 KJV)

In this chosen part of Paul's letter to the Galatian's church he outlined to us the dangers and pitfalls that may cause us to fall in troubles. He spoke about sins that cause us troubles. He spoke of how to be helped by the body of Christ and to be restored. Paul also spoke in this passage about the way we can be blessed and the way we can be a blessing to others inside the church and ultimately to those outside the church.

"I Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Galatians 6:1 KJV) * Faults are mistakes that done without awareness: "if a man be overtaken in a fault", and he is not aware of what he did, then being part of the body of Christ, he should be surrounded by those who are spiritual and who are more experienced in life and with the Lord and His Word. Faults if not corrected and rectified will be turned into sins and with bad effects. The church once come to know about such things needs to move to rectify things. The spiritual members of the body of Christ should take their part. * That is why the importance of reporting such things to the leadership of the church so they will take their part in the process of correction. * The spiritual members of the body of Christ should take their part to gently explain to the person who sin or did mistake the bad effects of such faults and sins in order for them to repent and ultimately to be restored.

The church, including the leaders, the workers and the members should work together and everyone has a responsibility to help those who fall in sin and to do the needful with them. Gentleness and meekness should be exercised by all in dealing with faults and sins. Patience and perseverance needed for the church to continue to explain and expound the bad effects of sins and the way to repent and to come out from them.

Those who fall into faults or sins, they need to show meekness and allow the church to guide them till they are free from such sins and faults with their bad effects. They need to submit to the Word of God that the church is teaching from God's Word in the Bible so that their repentance will be true and their lives will be transformed.

Pride, arrogance and resistance to correction will not help those who sinned or committed faults. If they will do that they will neither be blessed nor possible for them to be restored.

"considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Watchfulness is needed from each and every one of us so that we will not be tempted. Everyone of the church needs to watch himself first, then he needs to watch others. The true love of God is to love others and help them to be restored from their troubles and to love ourselves being watchful to avoid falling in the trap of the evil one.

"2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden." (Galatians 6:2, 5 KJV) Every member of the body of Christ had his own load or burden in regard to his responsibilities toward his work, toward his family and toward his ministry, and he needs to do them well. The person might be able to fulfill his own load or burden and up to 100 percent of his capacity. But there is a time that this person is needed to be helped and supported when he is overloaded and troubled with a big burden that is beyond his capacity, and here comes the responsibility of the body of Christ toward one another. Here comes the sense of being responsible toward others around you inside the church and to be ready to help them in times of their needs.

How through the church we can help one another and carry each other burdens?

- 1. Praying for those who have load in their lives. That is now how important to be transparent and tell to the church leadership what is passing in your life so we can pray for all these concerns and burdens.
- 2. Giving the needed Word of God for counseling and giving advices to solve their problems and lessen their loads. They might be having wrong thoughts and wrong plans that is why they are having loads and troubles in their lives.
- 3. Rebuking them and correcting them with God's Word to escape from sins and come to repentance, in order for them to receive salvation, and to be restored back to the blessings of God.
- 4. After the church will be aware of the whole situation, we may need to help them in a physical way. Giving them our time and our physical efforts to carry the load and whatever helps needed to speed the process of recovery and restoration.
- 5. Continue to follow them up closely, till they fully recover and are able to carry on their lives in a normal way.
- 6. Build them up to be a blessing to others, and workers to serve God with us and do His will.

"3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." (Galatians 6:3 KJV) Here is a warning against pride and against self-righteousness. These are not faults but sins and the believer should repent of these sins. Such sins will hinder us from serving and will hinder us from having opportunities to serve. We should not think that we are better than others. The right thought is that we need to do our part well in doing our responsibilities and to help others as much as we are assigned and have the opportunity to do that.

"4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another." (Galatians 6:4 KJV) Check again yourself and see if you are doing well

and doing your responsibilities and assignments in a proper way. Mind your own business and don't compare yourself with others. With such measures it is clear that the person should look first to himself, finding out his faults and sins, correcting himself, and receiving correction or admonishment from the spiritual members and the leadership of the church to be restored back again to his own spiritual fruitful status. The more we are humble, then the more we are able to see our own faults and mistakes and the more we are open for corrections that will make us receive God's blessings.

"6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." (Galatians 6:6 KJV) As you receive teaching that brought blessing into your life, then in the same way you need to share the blessings that you have with those who taught you.

To "communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things", is to make it clear to everyone that the person who taught you His labor will not be in vain. * Your good testimony being changed and transformed is the way for you to reward the person who helped you to walk in the ways of God. When you are committing your life to God, to His church and to the teaching of the Word of God that your teachers gave you then you are rewarding the person who had taught you and trained you. * When you are a responsible person, doing your assignments and what you had been asked well, then you will be and you are a fruitful person, being blessed yourself and you are a blessing to others. All that will communicate great rewards to those who labored in serving you and build you up in Christ. * Let us therefore do our responsibilities to please God and to communicate and share good things with those who taught us.

"7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Galatians 6:7-8 KJV) Here is now the way to be blessed. You need to continue to sow the seed and to be a blessing to others. The more you are sowing and being a blessing to others then the more you are receiving and enjoying the blessings of God and reaping eternal life. But if you live in sin, being lazy and living for your selfish ambition and desires then the more you are creating troubles to yourself and reaping corruption and destruction.

"9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

(Galatians 6:9 KJV) We should not be tired, we should not be lazy, we should not be selfish, or having lack of commitment and other factors that will prohibit us from doing the good things that God had prepared for us to do. Because we know and understood from the Scripture that one day we will reap harvest, therefore we should not give up. We should not be discouraged from the trials of life to continue to do good. We should not be discouraged when others do us harm especially those whom we serve. Let us always remember that whatever we do, we are doing it for the Lord and the Lord sure will reward us for all the good things that we had done to Him and to His people. For, "10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:10-12 KJV)

"10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10 KJV) Now it is obvious, that we need to

continue to do good to everyone, and that is why we are evangelizing to bring the good news of Jesus and the promise of God to all the people and the nations around us. They are lost without God. Therefore we need to help them, guide them, assist them, and lead them in the right way of life, then to disciple them and teach them God's ways.

"Especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Which means that we need to continue to take our full active part in the body of Christ, His church, doing our responsibilities and assignments well. In such a way we become a blessing to the church and that will help the church to grow and to reach others and we will be reaping further blessings.

My dear and beloved: The more you are giving and contributing, helping and supporting, then the more you are receiving and being blessed. Commit yourself to God and to the Word of God that you heard from the message. Remember the followings:-

- 1. God had placed a calling in your life.
- 2. Commit your life and your ways to God and start to serve Him.
- 3. You will be blessed as you agree to be a blessing to others.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that made your calling clear to me, and that had outlined my responsibilities towards you, towards your church and towards the lost souls in a clear way. Lord thank you for all the corrections and the admonitions that I received in this message from you.

Lord I commit myself to the work and the ministry in the church that you had placed me in. Lord here am I, willing to give and to support with all what you gave me from resources in order to be a blessing to others. Lord strength me and give me good health and provide for me to do that. Lord, I thank you and praise you; this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and came back to you and are willing to go along your Word and do your will. Lord restore them fully to you and help them to reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, meekness, faith, patience, self-control, and long-suffering so others may see Jesus in their lives.

Lord bless us as your church. Lord, lead us to help and correct in a gentle way those who did mistakes and fell in sin that they will be finally restored to you and to your service. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go

on and serve you; reaching the lost, evangelizing, making new disciples, training workers and planting new Bible Studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God'. Lord bless us enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Christ name, Amen.

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