

Love Supports!

Galatians 6:2-5

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Introduction:

- Information regarding COVID-19 virus
- The unprecedented actions being taken to contain the spread of this disease
- *“What will we be willing to do as a society to protect those most vulnerable?”*
- Quarantine and isolation of those with communicable diseases in Biblical times
- *“What are we willing to do as Christians to help support those who are most vulnerable?”*
- We’ve been called to live in freedom and to serve one another through love—Galatians 5:13
 - Love restores an erring brother who has been overtaken by a trespass.

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A. Love Supports by Bearing Burdens. Galatians 6:2-4

1. A “burden” is a heavy weight, too heavy for one to carry alone.
2. Who are the “vulnerable”? Who are carrying loads too heavy for them?
 - a. The Spiritually-weak.
 - 1) In the context, a restored brother needs continual help and accountability. James 5:16
 - 2) All of us need to be encouraged to keep on, keeping on with the Lord.—Heb. 3:12-13; 10:22-25
 - b. The Financially-hurting. 1 John 3:17-18; James 2:14-17
 - c. The Relationally-depleted
 - 1) Widows—1 Timothy 5:3,4, 8
 - 2) The Grieving—2 Corinthians 1:3b-4
3. Why don’t we get involved?
 - a. We feel we have enough problems of our own without taking on the burden of others.
 - b. We think it is beneath us to help.—Galatians 6:3
 - 1) The attitude and actions of the Pharisees and legalists.—Matthew 23:4-7
 - 2) We are simply servants of God, doing what Christ commands us to do. Gal. 2:6; Luke 17:10
 - c. We compare ourselves with others.—Galatians 6:4
 - 1) First examine your own works. John 21:22
 - 2) If your works measure up to God’s will for you, then you have something about which to rejoice. —2 Corinthians 10:12-18

B. Love Supports by Not Enabling.—Galatians 6:5

1. The “load” is a light knapsack that every Roman soldier carried.
2. We are to help weighed-down, over burdened Christians, not lazy ones.—2 Thess. 3:8-10
3. All of us will give an account of ourselves before the judgment seat of Christ.

C. Love Supports by Fulfilling Christ’s Law—Galatians 6:2