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Victory - Galatians
Our Responsibility
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Galatians 6

We have a responsibility to ___ others ____.

Heb 12:1

Spiritual

Gently

Restoration

We have a responsibility to ___ ourselves ____.

Luke 18:10-14 2 Peter 1:2-4

We have a responsibility to ___ God ____.

Heb 8:15 Rom 12:1

We all want to be accepted—by our family, by our friends and most of all by God. But so often people accept us only *if* we are attractive, smart, wealthy or powerful. So we work hard to project the right image and to conceal our faults.

We often transfer this attitude to our relationship with God. We feel we must earn his acceptance. If we could only work harder, live better, pray longer, witness to more people—then we might get on God's good side

The fruit of the Spirit is most clearly demonstrated in our relationships with others. They are a visible and practical measure of our spirituality. How easily do you share your time and skills with others? How do you feel when you offer to serve but are turned down? How do you feel when you aren't thanked for going out of your way to serve somebody?

Read Galatians 6:1; 4:6; James 5:19-20

Paul says: Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, Abba Father.

How would knowing God as Abba Father aid in turning someone from sin?

What is the best approach to helping a Christian brother caught in sin?

What are the difficulties of approaching other who are entangled in the clutches of sin?

Read Galatians 6:4-5; Philippians 2:3

Why does the approval of others seem so significant in life? How can it become a barrier to spiritual growth and depth?

Is there a difference between taking pride in ourselves and considering ourselves better than others?

In Galatian 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

No Christian should ever think that he is totally independent and doesn't need help from others; and no one should feel excused from the task of helping others.

How do Life Groups and relational connections become critical in this area of spiritual growth?

How can we help "loners" become more connected with others?

Read Job 4:8; Galatians 6:7-9

It is a proverbial saying that you "reap what you sow" Do you believe that you reap what you sow?

Can you share any instances either in your own life or the lives of others?

Read Galatians 6:14; Jeremiah 9:24, 1 Corinthians 1:31

In your own words, what's the meaning of - May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:15 is one of the richest theological statements in the letter. "Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation."

How so?

In what areas are you feeling cultural pressure? Consider work, family, Christian and non-Christian friendships, how you dress, what you do or don't buy and so on. Bring each of these pressures to God.