

*The Ministry of Restorations*  
*Galatians 6:1-5*  
*Part 1*

**Biblical Principle #1 – No person is above failure.**

***1 Corinthians 10:13***

***13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.***

1. There are a couple of key words in vs. 1 that sets the stage for this chapter.

Overtaken – taken by surprise or unexpectedly.

1. True believers are surprised when they are overtaken by sin.
  - A. It is unexpected.
  - B. It may have been a moment of weakness, distraction, frustration, etc.
2. What should be done?

Restore – word is used for setting a broken leg or cutting some growth out of a body.

3. There are right ways and wrong ways to help fallen believers.
  - A. Our approach to ministering to a fallen believer is a delicate matter.
  - B. Our goal is restoration.

Paul gives us a guideline how a church is to handle and restore those who have fallen – The ministry of restorations

***Biblical Principle #2 – Ministry of restoration is God's foundational ministry.***

1. God restored every one of you who are believers in Jesus Christ.

**Seven key values of restoration ministry**

***First – Spiritual believers must be the one to approach the fallen. Vs. 1***

1. How do we identify those who are spiritual?
2. Galatians 5:22-23

**Three clear traits of a spiritual believer**

1. *Crucifying the flesh (vs. 24).*
2. *Living a life consistent with Christ (vs. 25).*
3. *Are they walking free from super-spirituality (vs. 26).*

***Second – They approach the fallen in a spirit of gentleness. Vs. 1***

1. Our first step to restoration is reflecting God's love.
2. If we kick them when they are down destruction will be the end results.
  - A. If we loved them when they are down restoration has a good chance.

**Biblical Principle #3 – A spirit of rejection is NOT Scriptural teaching.**

1. Scripture does teach a model for discipline within the church (Matt. 18:15-20).
  - A. Within that model if the offender is not willing to comply.
    - 1) Then the church has the right to remove them from the fellowship of the church.
  - B. Why? Two reasons.
    - 1) For the offender to realize their sin and come to repentance.
    - 2) The church is showing their belief for biblical principles and Godly conviction.

***Third – Consider and watch yourself. Vs. 1***

1. Consider – means to look to oneself.
2. This could be us that was tempted and overtaken by sin.
3. We want to treat the fallen like we would want to be treated.

***Fourth – Help carry one another's burdens. Vs. 2***

1. Note what Paul says this is.
  - A. The law of Christ being fulfilled.

***John 13:34–35***

***34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.***

2. Jesus sacrificed himself to bare the sins of man.
3. You become the hands & feet of Jesus.