

*The Ministry of Restorations*  
*Galatians 6:1-5*  
*Part 2*

Introduction

1. Part 1 we introduced 3 Biblical Principles and Four Values of restoration

**Biblical Principles**

- #1 - *No person is above failure.*
- #2 - *Ministry of restoration is God's foundational ministry.*
- #3 - *A spirit of rejection is NOT Scriptural teaching.*

**Four Values of Restoration**

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

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

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

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

*Fifth – Confess your own nothingness. Vs. 3*

1. Here is the primary reason a fallen believer gets shut out of the fellowship.
2. When we forget we were nothing.
  - A. Christ came to save “nothing”.

***Romans 5:6***

***6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.***

***Romans 5:8***

***8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

- B. We are saved and kept righteous by Christ.

***2 Corinthians 5:21***

***21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***

1. No person is better than any other person in righteousness & godliness!
2. *Jesus' blood makes us all equal in the eyes of God.*
  - A. It doesn't set any of us above another.
3. Within the church there is only 1 attitude
  - A. Confessing our nothingness before God.
  - B. Confessing our total dependency upon the grace of God.

**Biblical Principle #4 – The Gifts and Callings of God.**

1. God has gifted us with a gift to serve Him.
2. Many times, we look at position and think it carries more weight than others.
  - A. That's not true.
3. If you are called to a position that is considered highly esteemed, in the standard of man.
  - A. Or if your position is not considered highly esteemed.
    - 1) God doesn't see position, He see faithfulness.
    - 2) If both individuals faithfully fulfill their roles, God acknowledges and honors them equally.

Those who are suited to help restore others are those who understand this.

They realize it could just as easily be them that has fallen.

**Sixth – Examine your own behavior and conduct. Vs. 4**

1. Work doesn't mean employment.
2. Paul is making us aware of our conduct.

*It is so easy for us to compare ourselves with others, especially the failure of others.*

1. ***If others become our standard for being right with God, we have just given way to temptation and heading toward sin.***
  - A. Feeling we are better than that person who failed is a sin, Pride
2. Paul wants believers to understand none of us is exempt from failure.

***Biblical Principle #5 - A believer's standard is not others; a believer's standard is the cross***

1. If we measure ourselves against others, we'll view our lives as worthwhile only when we feel we're slightly ahead of them.

***Biblical Principle #6 – Believers are called to thoughtfully evaluate their daily actions and consistently seek to live out the core values embodied by the cross.***

***Lamentations 3:40***

***40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.***

***Results of examining our conduct and behavior. Vs. 4***

1. Rejoicing within themselves.
  - A. An inner peace and joy come in knowing we have pleased the Lord.

***Seven – It is you and you only that will stand before God in the end. Vs. 5***

1. It will be you and you alone standing before God one day.