



“Bearing One Another’s Burdens”

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Text: **Galatians 6:1-5**

Introduction: We often hear the phrase “bearing one another’s burdens.” It is a biblical phrase. One of the most prominent passages is **Galatians 6:1-2**. What does this word mean? The same word is translated in English in **Galatians 6:5**. Is that the same word? Tonight we will see how we can be burden bearers without being burden takers. Let’s ask ourselves four questions. Please consider these thoughts and Scriptures with me....

Discussion:

I. Do You Care About The Burdens of Others?

- Christians should have compassion on the sick (**Matthew 25:34-40**).
- Christians will be known by their love (**John 13:35, I John 4:20**).
- Christians encourage others not to sin or fall away (**Hebrews 3:13**).
- Christians should look after the widow and orphan (**James 1:27**).

II. Do You Stare At The Burdens of Others?

- Christians should not gawk at the fallen (**Luke 10:25-37**).
- Christians should come to the aid of others (**Matthew 25:41-46**).
- Christians should lift up the weak (**Hebrews 12:12**).
- Christians should not turn away the needy (**James 2:16**).

III. Do You Share The Burdens of Others?

- Christians do not have to be crushed by the load (**Matthew 11:28-30**).
- Christians do not have to be overwhelmed by the trial (**I Corinthians 10:13**).
- Christians should communicate about sin and burdens (**Matthew 18:15-17**).
- Christians bear another’s joys and burdens (**Romans 12:9-16**).

IV. Do You Bear Your Own Burdens?

- Christians need to stop looking around (**Colossians 3:1-2, II Corinthians 4:18**).
- Christians are given supernatural strength (**Philippians 4:13, I Peter 5:10**).
- Christians are promised God’s presence (**Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5**).
- Christians give aid to each other (**II Corinthians 8:13, Luke 12:48**).

Conclusion: We are living stones growing up together and we fit together perfectly in the foundation of the Lord’s church. God is building His house! We are all “load bearing” walls. The loads we are each given are not unbearable or unreasonable. They might actually help the entire Christian community! What will you do with your burden? Do you seek relieve? Do you seek strength? Come to Jesus and He will give you rest!

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