

“Transformed from Conceit to Connection”

Galatians 5:25-6:5 / Sunday, August 16, 2015



INTRODUCTION: (5:25-26)

Conceit is **empty boasting** based on one's view of their own performance and is expressed from either a position of **superiority or inferiority**.

When we “keep in step with the Spirit,” the Holy Spirit will lead us to be transformed from **conceit** to **connection**.

When we see ourselves, our lives and others through the Gospel...

- I. We respond to **SPIRITUAL BROKENNESS** by seeking **GENTLE RESTORATION**. (6:1)
 - Restoration is an **opportunity** to plug into the **spiritual need** of another and bring glory to God.
 - How do we gently restore the one overtaken by a misstep into sin?

Pray and Go:

Observation: Humbly share what you have witnessed.

Interpretation: Graciously offer possible explanations.

Clarification: Ask and listen (and pray).

*Be available to **COUNSEL** (to come alongside).

Scriptures: James 1:19-20; Isaiah 57:15

- II. We respond to **PERSONAL NEEDINESS** by providing **LOVING REINFORCEMENT**. (6:2)
 - The word “burden” speaks of an **excessive weight**.
 - God designed us to live in **mutual interdependence**, living out the “Law of Christ.”

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-14; Matthew 22:39-40; Philippians 2:3-4; Ephesians 4:15-16

Christ's law of love is the basic standard of measure
in the building of His church.

- III. We respond to **PERFORMANCE COMPARISON** with **HUMBLE SELF-EXAMINATION**. (6:3-5)
 - Testing our **own work** by the **measure of the cross** leads us to boast in the love and grace of the **Cross**.

Scripture: Galatians 6:14

- **How do we explain the apparent contradiction of vs. 2 and 5?**

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