

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****GALATIANS 6****Galatians 6**

God's people must make a choice to love one another and help each other in times of need. A good study for anyone is to make a study of the "one another" passages in the New Testament. Anyone can do it with a good concordance, either Strong's Concordance or Young's Analytical Concordance; both have great value if you know how to use them. This is an illuminating, encouraging, and convicting study.

The Apostle Paul finishes his letter to the Galatians with a loving admonishment concerning those who fail to realize a trap or a neglected discipline in their lives and get caught off guard. **Προλαμβάνω, prolambanó, (pro-am-ban'-o)**, I take before, anticipate; pass: I am caught up or overtaken, *taken by surprise*. The idea is not that someone who is a follower of Jesus (Brethren) is living a sinful lifestyle, but rather someone is "tripped up." They get caught up in something that is contrary to the will of God. Paul said those of you who are filled with the Spirit, "Spiritual," go to such a one. Don't talk about them. Don't tell others about them and have the "Can you believe it" or "How could that have happened" syndrome. But rather, "go to them" and **"Restore them."** The word in the Greek text is **καταρτίζω, katartizó, (kat-ar-tid'-zo)**, to complete, prepare or fit (join) together. The idea is of someone who has something that is disjointed, like a finger, elbow, or

other joint that is out of place and needs to be properly restored to its rightful place. What an incredible picture of a friend. One of the amazing things that anyone who has *something out of joint* to recognize is that the quicker you can get the disjointed connection back in place, the less danger there is. The reality is the longer the joint is *dislocated*, the more painful the restoration. This speaks of watching over one another and caring for one another. This cannot be done from a distance but by those who are within eyesight or close proximity.

It has been said many times that the church of Jesus, His army, is the only unit in existence that kills its wounded! The church, the people who love Jesus, should be the most caring people on earth and the best to each other. Instead, people who mess up, fall into sin, or have been caught by sin's tentacles, do not want to be around fellow believers because they have seen what is done to those who sin. They are not admonished, helped, and pointed to repentance with a sorrowful understanding heart, but on the contrary, many times are condemned with the "how could you" attitude. This is not the way we act in the church of Jesus. So much to say, so little space to say it. I pray you will get a more complete explanation of this passage and others through the daily "On the Way..." podcast.

**Prayer and Action Steps**

*Do you consider yourself a person who is filled/controlled by God's Holy Spirit? Then, look for those who need mending and restoration and come alongside them and love them and pray for them. Father, please help me to be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Amen*