

## Taking Spiritual Responsibility

Galatians 6:1-5

### I. Ministry: Taking responsibility when others are struggling spiritually (Galatians 6:1-3)

- A. Those who are seeking to walk in the Spirit must help those who are caught in the deeds of the flesh (6:1)
- B. It is normal Christian living to care about the spiritual growth of others believers (6:2).

#### **Should I get involved?** (Galatians 6:1-2)

1. Spiritual qualifications – Am I spiritually growing? Do I care?
2. Emotional qualification – Am I self-controlled so that I will be sensitive and gentle?
3. Relational qualification – Are we connected?
  - *Does my position indicate I should get involved?*
    - Am I responsible because I am the parent or leader?
    - Am I responsible because I am a close peer, family...?
  - *Does my relationship indicate I should get involved?*
    - The closer I am relationally, the more certain it is that I should be involved.
    - The closer I am relationally, the less serious the sin issue needs to be for me to get involved.

- C. The danger in helping others is that we can become proud and self-deceived about ourselves (6:3).

### II. Maturity: Taking responsibility for my own spiritual needs (Galatians 6:4-5).

- A. We must evaluate our spiritual walk not in comparison to others, but by our own internal growth (6:4).
- B. We must take responsibility for our own spiritual growth (6:5).