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As I look at today's passage, I realize that humility is weaved all through it. Walking by the Spirit means walking in humility. Walking by the flesh means walking in pride. Nothing good ever comes from walking in pride. Now if we can just give it up!!! Is it just me who struggles???

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Galatians 6:1-10

How will it impact my life when I walk by the Spirit, follow the Spirit, and keep in step with the Spirit?

Vs. 1-2 ~ I will love others who are struggling in their faith enough to help restore them. "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness." Now... if I'm confronting someone's sin motivated by my flesh, this will not be about restoration, but condemnation. The word for restore means, "set the broken arm." If I'm walking by the Spirit, I won't try to break their arm, but restore it. I will do it gently, because the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness.

I will also "keep watch on myself, lest I too be tempted." I may not be tempted to do the same sin as the person caught in transgression, but I might be caught up in an air of superiority, which is pride. If I'm not gently confronting in humility, I'm not really caring for another person's soul.

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." What's the law of Christ? That I love the Lord with all I've got and love my neighbor as myself. I fulfill that law by bearing others' burdens. Burdens... not the things they're capable of carrying but the things that are too much for them. "Shared suffering is endurable suffering" ~ Bob Kelleman. If I'm doing this in my flesh, I will either try to take on the things they're capable of handling... or I'll be unwilling to help at all. Either way, it will be about SELF and not genuine, sacrificial love. But bearing others' burdens in the Spirit will truly help restore them in love.

Do I care when someone else is caught in sin? Am I willing to be gentle when I confront the sin? This is definitely something I see the Lord working on in my life. Every time I'm not gentle, I can see pride in my heart raising its ugly head. O Lord, please help me to humble myself, and to remember how You have been so gentle with me even when You're confronting my sin.

Vs. 3-5 ~ If I'm following the Spirit, I will not think more of myself than I should. "For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." This is huge. As people, we tend to think way more of ourselves than we deserve to. I think this is why we think God OWES us when things don't go as we want them to. If God truly treated me as I deserve, I would be condemned forever.

I get messed up when I try to measure myself by comparing myself with others... "Well, at least I'm not as bad as that person." But if I test my work against the work of Jesus Christ, I will realize I have no reason for arrogance. Jeremiah 9:23-24 says, "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches. But let him who boasts, boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, who practices steadfast love, righteousness, and justice in all the earth. For in these things I delight." Truly, the only work I ever have the right to boast in is the work of faith... putting my faith in Jesus... and then I will only be able to boast in Him. I need to bear my own load... not expecting others to bow to me and carry what is mine to carry... and not act as though I have no need of help. Those are two sides of the same coin... pride.

Vs. 6 ~ If I'm walking by the Spirit, I'm humble enough to appreciate others who are teaching me to understand the word better. So, instead of acting as a coach in the stands who sits in the worship center, judging what the pastor says and deciding what I'll listen to or reject, I need to take to heart what I'm being taught. The greatest gift I can give the teachers of the word is to pray for them rather than sit in judgment of them.

Vs. 7-8 ~ If I walk by the Spirit, I won't be deceived. My flesh will deceive me. Here's the truth. My flesh mocks God, but He will not be mocked. There are no loopholes to His word. If I sow to my flesh, I will reap corruption. Nothing good will come of it. If I sow to the Spirit, He will bring me all the things that come with eternal life... satisfaction, peace, joy, contentment, security. Living for SELF will NEVER reap a good harvest. How often have I tried to prove that I can live for SELF and have it turn out okay? It never will! Father, please help me to walk by the Spirit!!!

All these things show me that living by the Spirit takes humility, and living by the flesh is steeped in pride. "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). Just like a farmer's harvest doesn't show itself until months after the seeds are sown, so the harvest of the seeds I sow may take time, but it WILL come. So I need the Lord to help me to keep humbling myself before Him in the strength of the Spirit no matter what comes.

Vs. 9 ~ I need the fruit of the Spirit growing a harvest of patience, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self control along with all the other flavors of the fruit in order to stand firm in my faith in the middle of the brokenness of this world. Waiting for His harvest of Spirit fruit to come will sometimes feel hopeless, but don't give up. "For in due season, we WILL reap, if we do not give up." Even when I begin to feel weary, I can lean on the Lord. He never grows weary. Isaiah 40:29-31 says, "He gives power to the faith, and to him who has no power He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary and young men shall fall exhausted. But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength." O Lord, please help me to wait on You... to walk by the Spirit... and not give up because You never give up on me.

Vs. 10 ~ Finally, here's the bottom line... as I humble myself before God and let His Spirit lead me, God calls me to "do good to everyone, and especially to those who are the household of faith." I will not be able to do this if I'm muscling it in my flesh. Everything I'm called to do in the Spirit goes against my flesh... bearing others' burdens, not comparing myself, sowing to the Spirit... but anything done in my flesh only brings misery. Father, please help me to find the joy in giving up SELF and sowing to the Spirit. Help me to remember that everything You call me to do is what brings the most joy. The question is, do I believe that? Do I live it? O Lord, please make it so.