

# Bear One Another's Burdens – Galatians 6:2, 5

**Galatians 6:2, 5** [King James] *“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” ... “For every man shall bear his own burden.”*

At first sight this seems to be contradictory.

Yet on studying we can understand two great truths for Christian living.

The Greek word translated “burden” in **verse 2** is “baros” meaning a weight, what is pressing us down.

**When linked to verse one it is referring to a troublesome moral fault or weakness.**

The Greek word translated “fault” is “paraptōma” meaning an error, lapse or deviation, that is unintentional error.

This is the burden which we are to help another person to bear.

In doing this we are fulfilling the “law of Christ” [**John 13:34**].

We are to do this with a humble attitude of mind realising the same thing could happen to us [**verse 3**].

*“For every man shall bear his own burden.”*

The Greek word translated in this verse is different to verse two “phōrtiōn” **meaning an invoice, that is a detailed account of all the goods delivered.**

This verse is linked with **verses 4, 7-8.**

**Galatians 6:4, 7-8** [King James] *“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.” ... “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”*

We have to test what “spiritual” goods, that is “fruits” of the Holy Spirit [**Galatians 5:22-25**] are “invoiced” to us.

**We have to ask each day what have we “sown” was it good or bad?**

**2 Corinthians 5:10** [New King James] *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*

**There is going to be a day when all that is written on our “invoice” will be examined by Jesus Christ.**

**Galatians 6:9-10** [New King James] *“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

**This is very good advice for every Christian, for we can never afford to be a “tired Christian,” life is far too short.**

We see then in this passage of scripture **two duties** that every Christian has to face.

- 1 Help, pray for, love all those who do slip into sin unintentionally.
- 2 Examine our own lives each day to see what we have “*written*” on our spiritual “*invoice*” which will one day be examined before us at the judgement seat of Jesus Christ.

The only “*goods*” that are of lasting value are those that are the “*fruits*” of the Holy Spirit in our lives, [Galatians 5:22-25].

**This is a “*checklist*” we need to examine at the end of each day to see what we have added to our “*spiritual invoice*” that day.**