

Carrying One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:2

Introduction: In a sin-cursed world we will have a wide range of experiences. We will enjoy experiences that bring satisfaction and some measure of happiness, but mingled along the way are experiences that range from setbacks to devastation. There is no path that is continually upward. But as you walk through this world, you are not called to tough it out all by yourself, and never have the assistance of others to come alongside and help shoulder the weight.

“Take-home” truth: Carrying the burdens of fellow believers is a mark of spirituality.

I. Believers must carry each other's burdens.

A. Believers will have burdens.

1. The weight of the burdens will vary.
2. The type of burdens will vary.

B. Believers will cultivate a spiritual awareness about the burdens of others.

C. Believers will care more for others than themselves.

1. If we genuinely love God, we will love His children.
2. If we are genuinely Christ-like, we will serve others in spite of our own burdens.
3. If we are genuinely Spirit-led, we will respond to meet the needs of others.

II. Believers fulfill the law of Christ when they carry each other's burdens.

A. Believers are still under moral obligation.

B. Carrying someone else's burden demonstrates Christ-like love.

1. In love, Christ bore our greatest burden.
(1 Peter 2:24)
2. In love, God carries our daily burdens.
(1 Peter 5:6-7)