



# The WINGMAN'S WAY

## God Wants to Use YOU to Make a Difference in the Lives of Others

Galatians 6:1-10 - Dr. Dave Currie

### 1. DISPLAY GENTLE RESTORATION (vs 1)

*Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. (NIV)*

*Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. (NLT)*

- Caught - overcome - stuck - relapsed
- A Sin: selfishness - lust - porn - other acting out - pride - independence
- Those Living by the Spirit - You who are Godly - meaning living surrendered, empowered, motivated and controlled by the LORD
- Restore - Help back on the Right Path - give a hand up - walk with them through it - Call them to greatness - that the Grit!
- Gently - humbly - kindly - compassionately, with understanding, genuine support

### 2. MAINTAIN HUMBLE AWARENESS (vs 1)

*But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.*

*And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself*

- Pay attention - You are not above others - Watch the "I'm not as bad as they are" attitude of pride and invincibility.
- Be careful thinking "I'm above being tempted" or "I would never fall like this".
- You TOO may be Tempted in the Same Way.
- Don't think you couldn't fall in the same way as they did.
- WALK WIDE AWAKE to the possibilities it could be you next.
- Don't walk in fear - walk in AWARENESS

### 3. BEAR THE BURDENS (vs 2)

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.*

- Carry - lift - share the load - "let me help".
- You have to reach out! Admit you need help. Be honest about relapses.
- "I can do it by myself" is the famous last words of the man who quits group and thinks he can recover on his own.
- Each other's: YOU HELP ME - I HELP YOU!!! We lift together no matter who's load.
- The BURDEN is the weight of the pressure of sin's control in our lives.
- Our failures, our temptations, our battles, our guilt, our shame, our trials and more.
- THIS IS A CRUSHING LOAD to you. An unusual, unexpected, over-powering load
- The Law of Christ is John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must **love one another.** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**"

#### **4. FIGHT SELF-DECEPTION (vs 3)**

*If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.*

*If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.*

- Danger of an exaggerated view of themselves. Their self-assessment is OFF.
- Not doing as well as they think. Grown cocky, arrogant, over-confident, PROUD
- Careful on being too good to help others. Caution on being ABOVE others.
- SELF-DECEPTION - fool yourself, con yourself, betray yourself.
- You really don't have it all together - long way to go! Won't admit it.
- The ATTITUDE of the MEN of the 1000 DAY CLUB - PURE HUMILITY!
- Never think "I GOT THIS"

#### **5. MAKE AN HONEST SELF-APPRAISAL (vs 4)**

*Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.*

*Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.*

- Test your OWN actions - Measure honestly. How are you really doing?
- Not what you are portraying to others! What's the real picture? Level of Hypocrisy???

#### **6. CARRY YOUR LOAD (vs 5)**

*For each one should carry their own load.*

*For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*

- You got to be responsible for your work, your recovery, your battle, your journey.
- We are responsible for our life, our conduct, our actions, our behaviours.
- Stop with the adolescent EXCUSES. Grow up. Put in the effort.
- I can't do your work for you! I can support, encourage and pray - YOU have to work.
- Want freedom bad enough to put in the effort, follow through and persevere.
- THIS IS YOUR EXPECTED LOAD. Recovery responsibilities no one else can do for you.

#### **7. HONOUR THE TEACHER (vs 6)**

*Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.*

*Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.*

- Buy me an Iced Capp!
- Gratitude for the help you are receiving.
- 10 working men who could tithe could pay for a Bible teacher for their local church.

#### **8. DON'T MESS WITH GOD (vs 7)**

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

*Don't be misled – you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.*

- This is a LIFE PRINCIPLE - You reap what you sow.
- Don't fool yourself into thinking that this isn't somehow true.
- You can fool others - but God is never fooled.
- God sees all. Knows all. Evaluates all! Judges all. His justice is fair and right.
- Your actions, words and thoughts are all under His 24/7, dark-light scrutiny.

## 9. ANTICIPATE A GOOD FUTURE (vs 8)

*Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

*Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.*

- The rules of the game of life are set and clear! What you plant is what grows!!!
- We know how to score to win the battle. Know the end-game!
- PLANT WISELY - PLANT GOOD SEED! REAP GREAT HARVESTS!
- Follow the flesh - Life destroyed. Follow the Spirit - Life Restored
- Serious warning in pleasing or seeking to satisfy the FLESH! Downward Spiral!

## 10. NEVER GIVE UP (vs 9)

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

*So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

- Don't get Weary. Tired. Lazy. Complacent. Casual. Exhausted. Bored.
- DO what is right and do it OVER and OVER and OVER AGAIN! Don't Stop! NEVER Stop!
- Stick with the plan of FAITHFUL LIVING!
- IF and that's "**IF**" **we do not give up!**
- God will reward your faithfulness. A HARVEST OF BLESSING!
- At the Proper Time - Not always as we want to see it! It's a promise!

## 11. TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY (vs 10)

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

*Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith.*

- You have today. Don't miss an opportunity to build up another person.
- Be a WINGMAN! Make a Call! **MAKE A STINKING CALL!**
- Do good to people. Not just have GOOD INTENTIONS!
- Intentions might make you feel good in the moment!
- But Intentions don't bless ANYONE!
- Taking ACTION changes the game! That's when people are blessed!
- Take the **WINGMAN challenge** to daily encourage others!
- Especially to those in Your Breakout Group! In ReGroup. In Your Family.