

Galatians 5:26-6:5 Are You Spiritual?

Spirituality in the United States looks a little like a _____. Is it about lighting candles, saying chants, speaking in tongues or exhibiting charismatic gifts? Maybe it's a combination of all of those.....or not. "Christian spirituality is based on a relationship with a _____ God who has spoken an _____ Word." (Ryken).

Remember the fruit trees from last week? When a tree does grow fruit, it is for that tree's enjoyment? It's a silly question. The Holy Spirit doesn't produce His fruit for _____. True spirituality is not _____, it is for _____.

What then does a spiritual person do?

I. _____ Others from _____.

The brother or sister in Christ will _____ the one who has fallen into sin. This informs us that believers still _____. That term "overtaken" is an interesting one. Overtaken implies the sin is not _____, _____ or _____. The thought is someone is overtaken before she even realizes the extent of what has happened or will happen. That term "trespass" carries the idea of

_____, a _____ rather than a _____.

So, what is the spiritual person to do? Are we to _____ the sin or determine not to _____ them? Neither of those choices will work. We are to _____ her. This word, restore, means to return to its former condition. The Greek word actually give us the English word _____.

Paul not only tells us what we must do, he even tells us _____ we are to perform this duty: with _____. You might remember this is a fruit of the Spirit. Why "with meekness?"

Christians, when we sin, don't need _____ or _____, we need _____. We are help one another _____ our sins, finding _____ in Christ and welcoming them back into the fellowship of the Church. The over idea is _____ not _____.

Sadly, far too often, we believers reveal our _____ by being _____, _____ or angry as we interact with those who have fallen. However, the *only* way to restore a sinner is with _____.

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“One test of true spirituality is a _____ to set those who stumble by the wayside on the right road again in a sympathetic spirit.” (F.F. Bruce). So, if you cannot restore with gentleness, it is better _____.

Paul even tells why we must restore with meekness. Notice well Paul says “consider _____.” You might be an expert at point out other’s sins, but Paul commands us to first consider ourselves. He knows that if we don’t do this, we are likely to approach that person with a sense of _____. Restoration requires _____. By us being diligent about our own sin, we will be more likely to be _____.

Jesus gave us a step by step approach to this process in _____. It begins with self-discipline and ends with a _____ approach.

- Are you a spiritual person?
- What do spiritual people do when seeing someone who has been caught in a trespass?

- How is a spiritual person to proceed in helping the one caught in the trespass?
- In giving assistance, why must it be done with gentleness?