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Paul really gives _____ people one option when it comes to people caught in sin. We are to _____. You probably remember that this process is a delicate one, like a dr setting bone. The apostle as well urged this be done with _____, looking into our own hearts first. We should never assume we wouldn't do something as bad as what we observed this "fallen one" do. If we are calling ourselves spiritual, we will be a people _____ others, even others involved in a _____ sin. So the first responsibility of a spiritual person is to restore that one. However, there are 2 more things we are to do:

I. _____ One Another's Burdens.

Our work doesn't end with restoring. While in English the verb comes first, in Greek, the word _____ does. Our obligation is, in addition to restoring, to bear one another's burdens. We are to help _____ that fallen brother. Far too often, it is not _____ but _____ that has us _____ it alone. Martin Luther commented that doing this work required strong _____ and mighty _____. So, it's almost like, after the restoring, we're holding onto a _____ to help carry that person. Why is that important, this holding up? Because, quickly after a spiritual _____, typically comes a _____ trial.

It's evident that we believers do have _____ and sometimes it is so very heavy that it will not be lifted without one or more people helping. _____ can be many things in our lives.

If we see someone struggling to carry their load, we cannot turn away, we must _____ them. In doing this we fulfil the law of Christ. If we turn away from the one struggling, we are no better than the _____ in Luke 18 or the _____ in Luke _____.

So we are to restore, bear one another's burdens and ...

II. Consider Others _____

It is possible that the believer who neglects to restore, neglects to bear one another's burdens thinks _____ _____. The typical response is "he got himself into that mess, he can _____." Acting with gentleness, being helpful is the realization that we are _____ and that we need _____. The first error that would keep us from fulfilling the law of Christ is _____.

The second error is to be always comparing ourselves and our work with _____. You see, a self deceived person exalts himself and in his superiority he compares himself with the brother caught in a trespass. You'll always look better that way.

Luke 18 is an excellent reminder at this point. The pharisee, comparing himself to the despised tax-collector, proclaimed

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himself holy. The “despised” tax-collector, unwilling to even look up to the heavens, proclaimed himself a sinner. Jesus pronounced the “despised” one as _____. When we compare ourselves with the holiness of a Righteous, Sovereign God, there’s absolutely no room for boasting.

Lastly, in our passage today, is an apparent contradiction. Read verse 2, then verse 5. Ryken commented here that mutual accountability must be balanced by personal _____. This is understood by the two terms for burden or load. In verse 2 the term means “heavy load, cargo onto a freighter.” This is weight so heavy it takes another to help. In verse 5, the term burden means a person’s _____, a _____.

This is important because you and I do not answer to another person’s gifts or how they’ve used them. God will judge you and me on the basis of our _____, _____ and _____.

Do what you’ve been called to do and don’t compare yourself to anyone else.

Your responsibility as a spiritual person is to:

- 1) _____ the one caught in a trespass
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

If we were taking a test on being spiritual today, how would you fare?