

- in the 5th chapter, we get a good look at a Spirit-led life

*Now we get to see how it looks when put into practice

(To walk in the Spirit- 5:16, be led by the Spirit- 5:18, and to live in the Spirit- 5:25)

vs. 1- "Brethren"- (adelphos) meaning of the same people, those related by a common bond

*Paul calls them this because he is convinced they are saved, and are being drawn away

- "overtaken in a fault"- this phrase means a sudden temptation that seizes one before they are aware of it- this is what happened to the Galatians

("Fault"- (paraptoma) a lapse or deviation from the truth)

- "ye which are spiritual"- those who walk in the Spirit and are led by His guidance

- "restore"- (katartizo) a medical term with the indication of stopping bleeding or resetting a bone
(This is where we get the word "cauterize" from)

Truth- only those who walk and live in the Spirit are able to help in mending souls

- "meekness"- this is the opposite of harshness and arrogance

- "consider thyself"- the idea is to keep in mind that anyone can fall into temptation

vs. 2- this "burden" refers to an overload

*bearing one another's burdens means to come along beside them and be a support when they are dealing with temptations of difficulties

- "fulfill the law"- this is the Law of love- 5:14, Romans 13:8,10

vs. 3- this verse contradicts those who say "its not my problem" or "I'm not getting involved"

(A person with this attitude lacks meekness and is not walking in the Spirit)

Truth- pride and selfishness hinders brotherly love

- "deceiveth himself"- constantly leading his own mind astray

vs. 4- "prove"- (dokimazo) to test or examine to see whether or not it is genuine

*believers must be sure their lives are right with God before giving help to others (Matt. 7:3-5)

- the meaning of the rest of this verse is to not compare yourself to others

(We are to examine our lives in view of God's examination- by the Bible)

- and when you examine your life this way, there is room for "rejoicing" (joy)

vs. 5- this is not a contradiction to vs. 2

- "burden"- the word used in vs. 2 is "baros"- meaning an overload

*here the word is "phortion"- this word means the obligations that Christ lays upon his followers (a part of the believer's obligation is to help his brother or sister when they become overloaded)

vs. 6- "word"- (logos) moral precepts, sayings, or instructions of God

- "communicate"- (koinoneo) to commune with, fellowship with, to share with

*this verse speaks of the responsibilities of both teacher and receiver in the household of God

- "teacheth"- (katacheo) same word "taught" in this chapter

(This is where we get the word "catechism" from- catechism is a summary or exposition of doctrine, the principles or fundamentals of a belief)

- the false teachers deviated from the fundamentals of the faith that was taught by the apostles

*this verse is an encouragement to support the person who teaches the truth of God's Word

vs. 7- "be not deceived"- (planao) to be lead astray or to be lead into error

- "mocked"- (mukterizo) to turn up the nose or sneer at, to ridicule

Truth- God is not to be ridiculed or treated with contempt

*the apostles were personally commissioned by Christ and were given the verbal words to say as there was no New Testament in that day

- when someone taught contradictions to the apostles' message, they were in fact, sneering at God Himself

- "soweth and reapeth"- if the false teachers were sowing contradictions, then they will reap them

*contradiction to God is condemnation