

# WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-6--May 12th, 2024



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## **Sermon Recap:**

### **Marks of Christ**

A person who is set free by Christ, who walks by and lives by the Spirit; a person in whom the Spirit dwells and produces fruit...or simply, a Christian will (be)...

#### **I. Humble & Helpful**

##### **a. Restoring Others**

- V.1-Those who are led by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit and walk by the Spirit they are going to show it by their tenderness and their sympathy for a brother or a sister who has suddenly been overtaken by sin.
- Who is Paul talking to? He's not addressing the elders of the church; not the pastors. He's talking to the brothers. He's talking to the members of the church.
- Caution:
  - Restore with a attitude of gentleness, not judgment or condemnation.
  - Never forget how liable you yourself are to falling into sin too.

##### **b. Shouldering Burdens**

- The law, written now by the Spirit of Christ in our hearts of flesh. It is the law, he says, of love, that we are glad to follow because we know we have first been loved by God in Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us.
- Christ bore our greatest burden. Now, in love for him, we love others shouldering their burden in the same manner.

##### **c. Correct Assessment**

- V.3- Bearing the burdens of other, along with allowing others to bear our burdens requires humility.
- V.4-5- We are still responsible for our own burdens though. On the last day each will have to bear his own load. We will all have to give an account, not just for our behavior but for the stance and attitudes of our hearts toward one another.

#### **II. Do Good...**

##### **a. In Stewardship**

- V. 6- Not restricted to financial support, but it's included. The more important takeaway is this: don't forget to bear the burden of the men in the pulpit

##### **b. In Sowing**

- V.7-9- You reap what you sow. It's a core principle of the Christian life. Do not sow seeds of the flesh, but instead sow seeds of the Spirit. How do we do that?
  - V.6- Give for the material support of Gospel ministry

##### **c. In Service**

- V.9-10- Get weary of your sin, by all means. Get world-weary. Let your indwelling sin and the misery it causes yourself and others, let that weary your heart and make you long for the great day when sin and suffering will forever be gone and you are at last at rest with Christ in the heavenly glory.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What did Paul say about helping a Christian overtaken by sin?
- How should we approach brothers and sisters that are caught in sin?
- Whose responsibility is it to restore those “caught in transgression”?
- What warning about sin do strong Christians need to heed?
- Why is it important that every Christian take responsibility for his or her own “load” of sins?
- What is necessary in order for your burdens to be shouldered by another believer?
- What is the responsibility of church members toward their teaching pastors/elders?
- How do we “do good” in stewardship? Sowing? Service?
- What harvest do we all hope to share? What do we plant to get this harvest (Galatians 6:9; 2 Corinthians 9:12; Hebrews 12:11; James 3:17, 18)?

## **Application:**

- How easily do you share your time and skills with others? How do you feel when you offer to serve but are turned down? How do you feel when you aren’t thanked for going out of your way to serve somebody?
- Paul warns us not to become weary in doing good. What might cause you to become weary?
- How can we keep from becoming weary?
- Do you allow others to bear your burdens? Why or why not?
- Are you more inclined to sow seeds of the Spirit or the flesh?

