

Self Criticism And God's Work

Galatians 6:4-6

Intro:

- A. God's people are to examine themselves.
 - 1. **II Cor 13:5** "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;"
 - 2. **Vs. 3** Paul has made the same statement to the Galatians.
- B. It is possible to deceive oneself?
 - 1. **I Cor 3:18** Paul wrote of it.
 - 2. Those who built on the sand deceived themselves.
 - 3. The Galatians might do the same.

I. Every Person Should Put His Own Work To The Test.

- A. **Vs. 4 "But let every man probe his own work..."**
 - 1. "Prove" = δοκιμαζω = "to assay", "to prove by test", "to examine and judge".
 - 2. "Work" = εργον = "that which is brought into being by labor", "the thing wrought".
 - 3. "Let every man learn to assess properly the value of his own work."
- B. **"...and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."**
 - 1. "Rejoicing" = καυχημα = "the subject or theme of glorying or exulting", "to vaunt oneself".
 - 2. "Let every man learn to assess properly the value of his own work and he can then be glad when he has done something worth doing without depending on the approval of others." - Phi
 - 3. Serving God is a matter of individual endeavor and achievement. We rarely serve God corporately but we worship Him corporately.

II. Every Person Must Carry His Own Load.

- A. **Vs. 5 "For every man shall bear his own burden."**
 - 1. "Bear" = βασταζω = "to lift a heavy load", "to lift up and to carry off".
 - 2. "Burden" = φορτιον = "a specific load", "the load a ship is designed to carry". In the military a back-pack or a soldier's kit.
 - 3. We are to carry a normal load from day to day. This is what God designs us to do.

- B. We are servants of God.
1. **Luke 17:7-10**
 2. "Unprofitable" = αχρειος = "Not needed".
 3. "Duty" = οφειλω = "to be indebted".
 4. Modern theology says that God is our servant. He exists only to give us what we want.

III. A Stated Example.

- A. **Vs. 6 "Let him that is taught in the word..."**
1. "Taught" = κατηχεω = "to sound a thing in one's ears", "impress it upon one by word of mouth".
 2. "Word" = λογος = "the spoken word".
- B. **"...communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."**
1. "Communicate" = κοινωνια = "the act of participating or sharing".
 2. "Teacheth" = (See A, 1 above)
 3. "Moreover, let him who is receiving instruction in the word give to his instructor a share in all the good things which he possesses" - Con
 4. One carrying his load, One helping!