

Why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?

Galatians 2:14 (NLT)

DOING GOOD TO ALL THIS CHRISTMAS

1. THIS CHRISTMAS I'M GOING TO GIVE SOMEONE A HAND UP

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14:34 (ESV)

Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Proverbs 14:34 (NLT)

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)

2. THIS CHRISTMAS I'M GOING TO WORK ON KEEPING MY HEAD DOWN

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load.

Galatians 6:3-5 (NIV)

What comparison does:

1. Robs us of identity and value
2. Fosters insecurity and hopelessness
3. Blocks satisfaction and contentment
4. Suppresses joy and happiness

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3. THIS CHRISTMAS I'M GOING TO REMEMBER TO KEEP MY HEART OPEN

Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Galatians 6:6 (NIV)

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

THIS WEEK'S READING:

DEC 3: GAL. 6; EZEKIEL 2-3; PS. 149

DEC 4: EPH. 1; EZEKIEL 4-5; PS. 150

DEC 5: EPH. 2; EZEKIEL 6-7; ISA. 40

DEC 6: EPH. 3; EZEKIEL 8-9; ISA. 41

DEC 7: EPH. 4:1-16; EZEKIEL 10-11; ISA. 42

DEC 8: EPH. 4:17-32; EZEKIEL 12-13; ISA. 43

DEC 9: EPH. 5:1-20; EZEKIEL 14-15; ISA. 44

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