

Series: *Galatians: "In Step with The Truth of the Gospel"*
 Title: *"The Holy Spirit Two-Step"*
 Text: *Galatians 6:1-10*
 Question: *What does 'Keeping in Step with the Spirit' look like for the local body of believers?*

INTRODUCTION:

1. Step One: Spirit-led Bearing

2. Step Two: Spirit-led Sharing

CONCLUSION:

Going **DEEPER: Bear with One Another!** Paul had to write this because a number of folks in the church could barely be around one another! This wasn't only a problem for the churches of Galatia, it's a problem for our churches today. As much as we like to think we're not in this way – too often we are. We have to admit that there are times we're not the first in line to carry someone's backpack of burdens; or to share our things with them. But if we will do these things we fulfill the "law of Christ!"

MONDAY – EPHESIANS 4:1-3

1 therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

What do we learn about bearing in this verse? What's involved?

TUESDAY – ROMANS 15:1-3

1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

How does this passage from Romans help shape our understanding of bearing with others?

WEDNESDAY – COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

How does the forgiveness of others play a distinctive role in bearing with one another?

THURSDAY – 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

Though we may not be exactly "the rich" as described in these verses, what should we nonetheless be ready to do? Are we?

FRIDAY – HEBREWS 13:15-17

15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Does our view of sharing line up with God's view?

SATURDAY – PHILIPPIANS 4:13-15

13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

What does this verse, regrettably, teach us about "the church" and sharing? Does this verse sometimes describe our practice of "sharing?"