

## **Caring By the Spirit**

**Galatians 5:25-6:5**

### **Life in the Spirit Empowers Us to Express Genuine Care Toward One Another**

1. Genuine care begins with remembering that we are a spiritual family.
2. Genuine care is aware of the deceitfulness of sin.
3. Genuine care corrects those caught in sin.
4. Genuine care seeks to restore in a spirit of gentleness.

5. Genuine care emerges out of a humble heart.

Remember to examine your own heart and life before you correct others.

*“This is a very instructive verse because it shows that our conduct to others is determined by our opinion of ourselves.”* John Stott

6. Genuine care is faithful.

**Questions for Application:**

1. Have you been faithful to pursue the input of others in your spiritual life? When was the last time you humbly asked another Christian for their input, concerns, or observations? (For example, “If you knew I would not respond in sin, would you like to share any questions or concerns with me?”)
2. Is there a brother or sister presently in sin, or walking toward a path of sin, whom you have not sought with your prayers and your actions to restore?
3. Would your correction be characterized by humility/gentleness? Are the people you correct aware that you are a person humbled by the cross when you bring correction? Ask others (parents, spouse, children, caregroup leader/members) for their thoughts.

**Next week: Overview of 1 & 2 Samuel**