

WORD OF THE DAY



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"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Share in the Load



Life is full of burdens. Everyone in life at some time will have a burden to bear, if they are not already dealing with one at this very moment. As human's, we've learned to use animals such as donkeys, horses, and oxen to bear the load and relieve some of our burdens. Furthermore, as technology has advanced, we've also learned to make use of machines such as cars and trucks, to further decrease our load. While one plus one equals two, there is a mysterious bonus added when we work together or unlock key principles of physics. For example, if one horse could pull a load of 500 lbs 1 feet in 1 second, one would expect 2 horses to do twice the work, pulling 1,000 lbs, 1 feet in 1 second. However the reality is that when two horses are working together, mysteriously, their combined output is greater than simply the sum of their individual efforts. Furthermore, the principles of mechanical advantage, allows us to use simple machines such as pulleys, gears, and inclined planes to maximize our power output. Yet, although there are many innovations which can lighten our load, there are some burdens which man-made technology, the principles of physics, or the assistance of animals, cannot appropriately lessen.

A different kind of burden. When Jesus told us to take up our cross and follow Him, the word that was used for carrying the burden of the cross ([Bastazo](#)) is the same word used in our verse of the day for bearing one another's burdens. The taking up of our cross is not a physical load but a spiritual one. In our verse of the day, Paul begins chapter 5(the previous chapter) writing to the believers in Galatia about the liberty we have in Christ, while reminding them to not allow this liberty to lead to bondage in sin by walking in the flesh. Then in the following chapter, chapter 6, Paul continues and speaks of the fact that some believers will fall to the flesh and become overcome by trespasses. Yet Paul's word of encouragement to the church in Galatia is to bear the burden of the one who has fallen, so that those who are spiritually stronger, can restore the weaker brother/sister in the faith.

Share the load. In our world of competition it is seldom that we would readily take upon ourselves the burden of another. For some, the fact that they already have their own cross to bear, which Jesus has commanded, leaves them feeling that adding even more to their load is not possible. However Paul's letter to the church in Galatia reminds us that while today a fellow brother or sister may be the one who has fallen in sin, tomorrow we may be the one in need of support. As the letter continues Paul informs us that we will reap what we sow. Reminding us that if they sow seeds of helping others through sharing in their load, we likewise will reap the fruits of support when our time of need arises. Reminding us once more in our individualistic and competitive culture that we, as a body of Christ, are all in this together.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God created some burdens to only be relieved through human relational/spiritual support.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for reminding us that as a body of Christ it is our duty and privilege to assist others in their burdens. May I never forget that the effort I give towards helping others only eventually serves to lighten my load. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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