

## The law of Christ carried out in the life of the local body.

1. Spiritual elders are to watch over the flock to gently restore those who transgress

1 1 Ἀδελφοί, ἐὰν καὶ προλημθῆ ἄνθρωπος ἐν τινι παραπτώματι, .  
Brothers if anyone [man] is detected in a certain transgression  
ὁμῆς οἱ πνευματικοὶ καταρτίζετε τὸν τοιοῦτον ἐν πνεύματι πραυτητος,  
you spiritual ones are to restore that one in a spirit of gentleness

[a] they don't do this as people above temptation themselves, but as those who also watch over their own life  
[b] This is to share the load of living a godly life of the local body.

2 2 Ἀλλήλων τὰ βάρη βαστάζετε καὶ οὕτως ἀναπληρώσετε τὸν νόμον τοῦ Χριστοῦ.  
Carry the burdens of one another and thus you will fulfill the law of Christ

2. Everyone needs to have a realistic judgment about themselves.

3 3 εἰ γὰρ δοκεῖ τις εἶναι τι μὴδὲν ὄν, φρεναπατᾶ ἑαυτόν.  
if anyone seems to be what he is not, he deceives himself

[a] to look critically at their own work and have pride in that, and not someone else's work.

4 4 τὸ δὲ ἔργον ἑαυτοῦ δοκιμαζέτω ἕκαστος,  
and the work of oneself [himself] let each one test  
καὶ τότε εἰς ἑαυτὸν μόνον τὸ καύχημα ἔξει καὶ οὐκ εἰς τὸν ἕτερον  
and then to himself only the boast he will have and not to another

[b] in this way people will more readily shoulder their own load

5 5 ἕκαστος γὰρ τὸ ἴδιον φορτίον βαστάσει.  
for each one his own load he will carry

3. Sharing good things with those who instruct us in the word acknowledges the value of life imparted

6 6 Κοινωνεῖτω δὲ ὁ κατηξόμενος τὸν λόγον τῷ κατηχοῦντι ἐν πάσιν ἀγαθοῖς.  
The one being instructed the word should share with the instructor all good things

4. It is to mock God to sow to the flesh and so keep on increasing in corruption.

7 7 Μὴ πλανᾶσθε, θεὸς οὐ μυκτηρίζεται.  
Do not be deceived, God is not to be mocked

[a] there are two fields in which we can sow; the field of our flesh or the field of the spirit.

8 8 ὁ γὰρ ἐὰν σπείρῃ ἄνθρωπος, τοῦτο καὶ θερίσει  
for if any man sows this also he will reap

[b] the harvest of each is consistent with the seed sown.

8 8 ὅτι ὁ σπείρων εἰς τὴν σάρκα ἑαυτοῦ ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς θερίσει φθοράν,  
for the one sowing to the flesh of himself, [out] from the flesh will reap corruption  
ὁ δὲ σπείρων εἰς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐκ τοῦ πνεύματος θερίσει ζωὴν αἰώνιον.  
the one sowing to the spirit, [out] from the spirit he will reap eternal life

5. Need for persistence in constantly doing good to all

9 9 τὸ δὲ καλὸν ποιῶντες μὴ ἐγκακῶμεν, καιρῷ γὰρ ἰδίῳ θερίσομεν μὴ ἐκλύομενοι,  
Let's not grow weary in doing good, for in its own time we will reap, [ we are] not giving up

[a] especially our brothers and sisters in the faith

10 10 ἄρα οὖν ὡς καιρὸν ἔχομεν, ἐργαζώμεθα τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς πάντας,  
So therefore as we have opportunity let us work the good towards all  
μάλιστα δὲ πρὸς τοὺς οἰκειοὺς τῆς πίστεως.  
particularly [especially] towards those of the household of faith