

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Need for persistence in constantly doing good to all

[a] especially our brothers and sisters in the faith

1 Ἄδελφοί, ἐὰν καὶ προλημφθῇ ἄνθρωπος ἐν τινι παραπτώματι, .

Brothers if anyone [man] is detected in a certain transgression
 ὑμεῖς οἱ πνευματικοὶ καταρτίζετε τὸν τοιοῦτον ἐν πνεύματι πραντητος,
 you spiritual ones are to restore that one in a spirit of gentleness

σκοπῶν σεαυτὸν μὴκαὶ σὺ πειρασθῆς

watching yourself that you also may be tempted

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

3 εἰ γὰρ δοκεῖ τις εἶναι τι μηδὲν ὡν, φρεναπατᾷ ἔαυτόν.

if anyone seems to be what he is not, he deceives himself

4 τὸ δὲ ἔργον ἔαυτοῦ δοκιμαζέτω ἕκαστος,

and the work of oneself [himself] let each one test

καὶ τότε εἰς ἔαυτὸν μόνον τὸ καύχημα ἔξει καὶ οὐκ εἰς τὸν ἔτερον

and then to himself only the boast he will have and not to another

5 ἕκαστος γὰρ τὸ ἴδιον φορτίον βαστάσει.

for each one his own load he will carry

6 Κοινωνείτω δὲ ὁ κατηξούμενος τὸν λόγον τῷ κατηχουντι ἐν πᾶσιν ἀγαθοῖς.

The one being instructed the word should share with the instructor all good things

7 Μὴ πλανᾶσθε, θεὸς οὐ μυκτηρίζεται.

Do not be deceived, God is not to be mocked

οὐ γὰρ ἐὰν σπείρῃ ἄνθρωπος, τοῦτο καὶ θερίσει

for if any man sows this also he will reap

8 ὅτι ὁ σπείρων εἰς τὴν σάρκα ἔαυτοῦ ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς θερίσει φθοράν,

for the one sowing to the flesh of himself, [out] from the flesh will reap corruption

οὐ δὲ σπείρων εἰς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐκ τοῦ πεύματος θερίσει ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

the one sowing to the spirit, [out] from the spirit he will reap eternal life

9 τὸ δὲ καλὸν ποιοῦντες μὴ ἐγκακῶμεν, καιρῷ γὰρ ἰδίῳ θερίσομεν μὴ ἐκλυόμενοι,

Let's not grow weary in doing good, for in its own time we will reap, [we are] not giving up

10 ἄρα οὖν ὡς καιρὸν ἔχομεν, ἐργαζόμεθα τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς πάντας,

So therefore as we have opportunity let us work the good towards all

μάλιστα δὲ πρὸς τοὺς οἰκειους τῆς πίστεως.

particularly [especially] towards those of the household of faith