

# Restoring Gently in Moral Matters

Read Galatians 6:1-5.

What is significant about the first word?

“If someone *is caught* in a sin...” How does *caught* shape the way you view a person involved in sin?

What sins does Paul list as being especially in need of immediate attention?

“You who are *spiritual...*” What makes you *spiritual*?

“*Restore* him.” What does that mean?

“*Restore gently, with a spirit of gentleness.*” Describe how that is done.

“Watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.”

What temptations may come to the person trying to do the restoring?

A friend of yours at church has an aged father. You are aware that your friend and the father have had tension in their relationship for years. When you ask your friend how the father is doing, your friend replies, "My father is in need of some assisted living that he can't pay for. With Mom gone, the rest of the family is expecting me to chip in. But I don't have the money, especially with my kids' school expenses. Besides, I'll never be able to forget how my father left Mom after so many years of marriage. He left her broke."

What would you say to your friend?

How might you express those things to your friend?

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-8.

What do verses 1-2 instruct us about the way we seek to restore people?

What thoughts from verses 3-8 might you share with your friend in the scenario above?

Final Discussion

What do you find especially difficult when it comes to addressing moral matters among family and friends?