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The Bearing of Burdens

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Born for Adversity

Bearing One Another's Burdens
in the Family of God



The subject of burden-bearing had its beginning with Paul's admonitions to the Galatian Christians (Gal. 6:2). This passage, in addition to many others, give emphasis to the fact that Christianity is a life of service. Numerous deeds can be performed to lighten the load of so many. When contemplating this subject, one must naturally give thought to the following.

Burdens can be borne by **our very presence**. Great comfort can be extended during loss of life, sickness, loneliness, etc., by being there. Mary and Martha were comforted by the presence of Jesus at the death of their brother, Lazarus. Job was comforted by three friends when he was hurting. Words can be soon forgotten, but your presence will last for life.

Help can be rendered by the **speaking of kind words** which console, comfort, give hope, and often just give instruction (Gen. 50:21). Job was comforted "over all evil" by the words spoken by his brothers and sisters (Job 42:11).

Sometimes, **our silence** can be helpful! Too often we feel that something needs to be said. Sympathy, concern, love and genuine compassion can often be cheapened by words. A warm handshake, embrace, being near, faint smile or contribution of a genuine tear speaks volumes from the heart.

The Christian, when in a proper relationship with God, will have greater advantage than those who are not in "communication with God." **Prayer** is one of the Christians greatest avenues of service. Paul acknowledged the help received from the Corinthians through prayer (2 Cor. 1:10-11). God was to receive the credit, yet the Corinthian Christians unleashed God's power through their prayers. Furthermore, Paul believed that he could be delivered from threats of unbelievers by prayers of the Romans (Rom. 15:30-31). "*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (Jas. 5:16).

Around each of us today are those in poverty, loneliness, troubled about crime and world conditions, physically in pain, etc. We should open our hearts, purse and soul for their betterment. God truly cares...so should we!

That's More Than I Am Supposed to Do

Practically all progress in the world has been made by those who did more than their share, "more than they were supposed to do."

Our independence was won by George Washington and his men who "did more than they were supposed to do" as they suffered privation at Valley Forge while others were living in luxury not far away. Many a lad has been set up in business or given a college education by parents who "did more than they were supposed to do" while neighbor boys are left without a start in life by satisfied parents. Many a sick child has been brought back to health by a sacrificing mother who did more than her share.

The church of the Lord has been established in many places in America by sacrificing Christians who did far more than their share - they could have worshipped down the street - but they did more than they were supposed to do (according to the opinion of men) and established the Lord's church.

Most of the work around the church building is done by Christians who "do more than they are supposed to do" while many are perfectly willing that they should do it. (This reminds me of something I heard one time. A preacher was asked if there was anyone at the church where he preached that were willing to work. He said, "Everyone in this church is willing, five percent are willing to work, and the other 95 percent are willing to let them do it." - t.t.). If it were not for those who do more than they are supposed to do by giving themselves, this congregation wouldn't grow, but would stagnate and die.

After all, "doing more than we are supposed to do" as men judge is the very crux of Christianity. It means 'going more than half way,' 'turning the other cheek,' 'loving one's enemies,' 'praying for those who persecute us,' 'giving money to the needy,' 'working for the Lord while others are engaged in pleasure.' Yes, it means all this and more. But this will bring eternal life for the faithful, all of whom "did more than they were supposed to do."

~ by Harry E. Rice

A Fable of Complaint

A fable is told of a rabbit, a mouse, and a chicken who all took up residence together. They worked out a very good plan wherein all of them shared the workload. The rabbit cooked the meals, the chicken brought in the firewood and the mouse brought in the water from a nearby brook. They were all very happy.



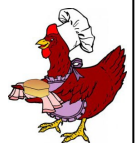
One day as the hen was going into the woods to collect the wood, she was approached by a busybody crow. He inquired as to what she was doing. Upon hearing her responsibilities he began to tell her how the rabbit and the mouse were taking advantage of her by doing the easier work.

She just could not rid her mind of this discussion. On her way home she grew angrier thinking of how she was being abused by her roommates. She made up her mind to do something about it, too.

Once inside she started complaining about her work load, "It is not fair that I always have to do the hardest work. Why don't we switch things up?" well, the other two also then decided that they were doing the hardest work and that a change would indeed, be the best solution.

As discontent will do, it had spread from the chicken to the others. Now they were about to change their lifestyle with which they had been very satisfied. The rabbit would gather the firewood while the mouse cooked and the hen brought the water.

The rabbit hopped into the woods to get the firewood. A fox saw him go in and followed him. By and by, he caught him and ate him. The chicken took the pail to the brook and dipped it into the water. The current however, was too strong for her and it pulled her under. The mouse sat at home on the edge of the pot of stew that he had made and waited for the others. Suddenly, he lost his balance and fell into it.



It all began as discontentment with life. It ended with all of them losing their lives. It is not really surprising what complaining does to the complainers. There is really nothing good about those who complain all of the time or who allow just complaints to get the best of them. Complaining will destroy you if you are not extra careful.

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PRAYER LIST



Connie Hester Montgomery, wife of *Larry Montgomery*, has been diagnosed with covid-19 and is in the hospital, on oxygen.

Ron Griggs, father of *Madison Griggs* continues to recover at home from an infection in his foot.

Sympathy:



We extend our sympathy to *Sue Marques* and family in the passing of her cousins husband **Ken Brown** of GA. He passed away from covid-19. His wife also has the virus. Please pray for this family.

Continue to Remember:

Michelle Bell, Molly Clayton, Jerry Coats, Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Phillip Haynes, Janie Huggins, Bill Lyon, Elizabeth Phagen, Jerry Robbins, Shannon Sciara, Levi Smith, Mildred Shackelford, Sue Stroud, Josie Tidwell, Angela Victory, Donnie Wilson

Shut-Ins:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, J.D. Stroud

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Jerry & Lucille Gibson, Price Senter

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned...

You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- April 03. Shelly Adams
 April 04. Dex Crotts
 April 07. Shaler Griggsby
 April 12. Amanda Coggin
 April 12. Emily Wilhite

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 02. Paul & Maria Ormon
 April 07. Randy & Christy Wall



NEW ADDRESS

Shaler Griggsby has a new address. He has moved to 409 Second Street, New Albany, MS 38652. Please add his address to your directory!

CHURCH FAMILY UP DATE

- This past Saturday communion supplies were handed out with enough to last for 3 weeks. If you did not come by and pick yours up please contact Greg Clayton at 662-252-9762, and he will see that you get some. Also, your contribution can be mailed to our post office box 148.
- Remember that our services are being live streamed Sun. morning at 10:30. You can go to our website @ nacoc.us to watch live. On Wed. night we will be posting a video devo by Shaler no later than 6:00 PM.
- There are also several other congregations in our area that are having their services available on line. Take this opportunity to view as many as you can to draw strength during this difficult time.

ENCOURAGEMENT

“One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement. It is easy to laugh at men’s ideals; it is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.” – William Barclay

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

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TO SERVE

Scripture.....
 A.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 P.M. Prayer.....
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Running Ahead

Lord, I would put my hand in Thine
 And learn on thee to wait.
 Your help will never come too soon
 Nor will it come too late.
 So often in an hour of need,
 I offer up my prayers
 In hopes that You will help me bear
 My burdens and my cares.
 I lay them at Your Mercy Seat
 But then when I am through,
 I pick them all back up again
 And run ahead of You.
 It seems that I am not content
 To let You work things out.
 It's not my part alone I work
 But Yours I go about.
 I often just don't trust You, Lord,
 The best for me to do,
 And then I fume and fuss and fret
 At what I'm going through.
 That's when I know I need to learn
 To stop and wait a while.
 It's then that you must look at me,
 And give a knowing smile.
 And I can hear You say to me,
 When things are going wild;
 If you would learn to wait on Me,
 I'd spare you this, my child.