



**Bible Study 11a**  
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**“You Cannot ‘Love Jesus’ and Ignore People”**

**Text: Galatians 6:3–10 Living Out Service to Others**

**Introduction**

Service is not optional in the Christian life; it is evidence of spiritual maturity. Paul teaches believers how to live in community, how to take responsibility for their own walk with God, and how to remain faithful in doing good.

Thesis: True service flows from spiritual responsibility and produces spiritual harvest.

**I. Serving Through Shared Burdens (vv. 3–5)**

How do we serve others without losing personal accountability?

Paul tells believers to:

- Bear one another’s burdens (v.2)
- Carry their own load (v.5)

These are not contradictions, they are complements.

**Understanding the Difference**

**“Burden” (baros)**

A crushing weight — something too heavy to carry alone.

Examples:

- Grief
- Crisis
- Temptation
- Financial hardship
- Emotional distress

**Service Principle:**

When someone is overwhelmed, we step in.

**“Load” (phortion)**

A personal backpack — daily responsibilities.

Examples:

- Prayer life
- Obedience
- Spiritual discipline
- Personal integrity



### **Service Principle:**

We support people, but we cannot live their Christian life for them.

1. How can we tell when someone needs help carrying a burden?
2. What are examples of responsibilities others cannot carry for us?

Service to others does not replace personal responsibility. Healthy believers do both:

- Help others when their weight is too heavy.
- Own their daily walk with God.

## **II. Serving by Sowing to the Spirit (vv. 7–8)**

Paul introduces a spiritual law:

“You reap what you sow.”

### **The Law of Spiritual Agriculture**

You cannot plant selfishness and expect peace.

You cannot plant bitterness and expect joy.

There are two fields:

#### **1. Sowing to the Flesh**

- Self-centered living
- Pride
- Impatience
- Neglect of spiritual disciplines

Result: Spiritual emptiness.

#### **2. Sowing to the Spirit**

- Prayer
- Generosity
- Encouragement
- Forgiveness
- Acts of kindness

Result: Life, growth, and eternal reward.

Every act of service is a seed when you:

- Encourage someone
- Show up consistently
- Pray for others
- Give your time

You are sowing into eternity.

1. What seeds are we planting daily?
2. How does serving others shape our spiritual harvest?

Service is not wasted effort. It is planting seeds in God’s field.