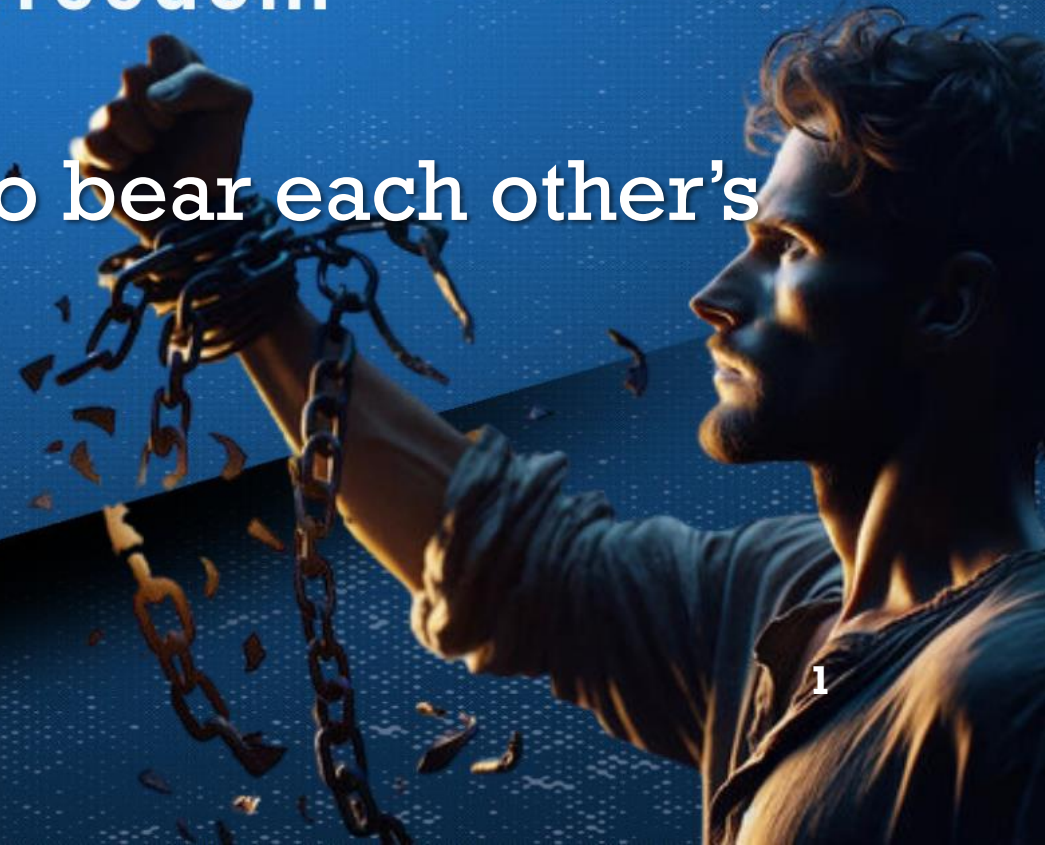


GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 16 Freedom to bear each other's
burdens

Galatians 6: 1-5



STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

Galatians 5:14-15 (ESV) 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

----- Relationships are the
----- center of our spiritual lives

Galatians 5:25-26 (ESV) 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

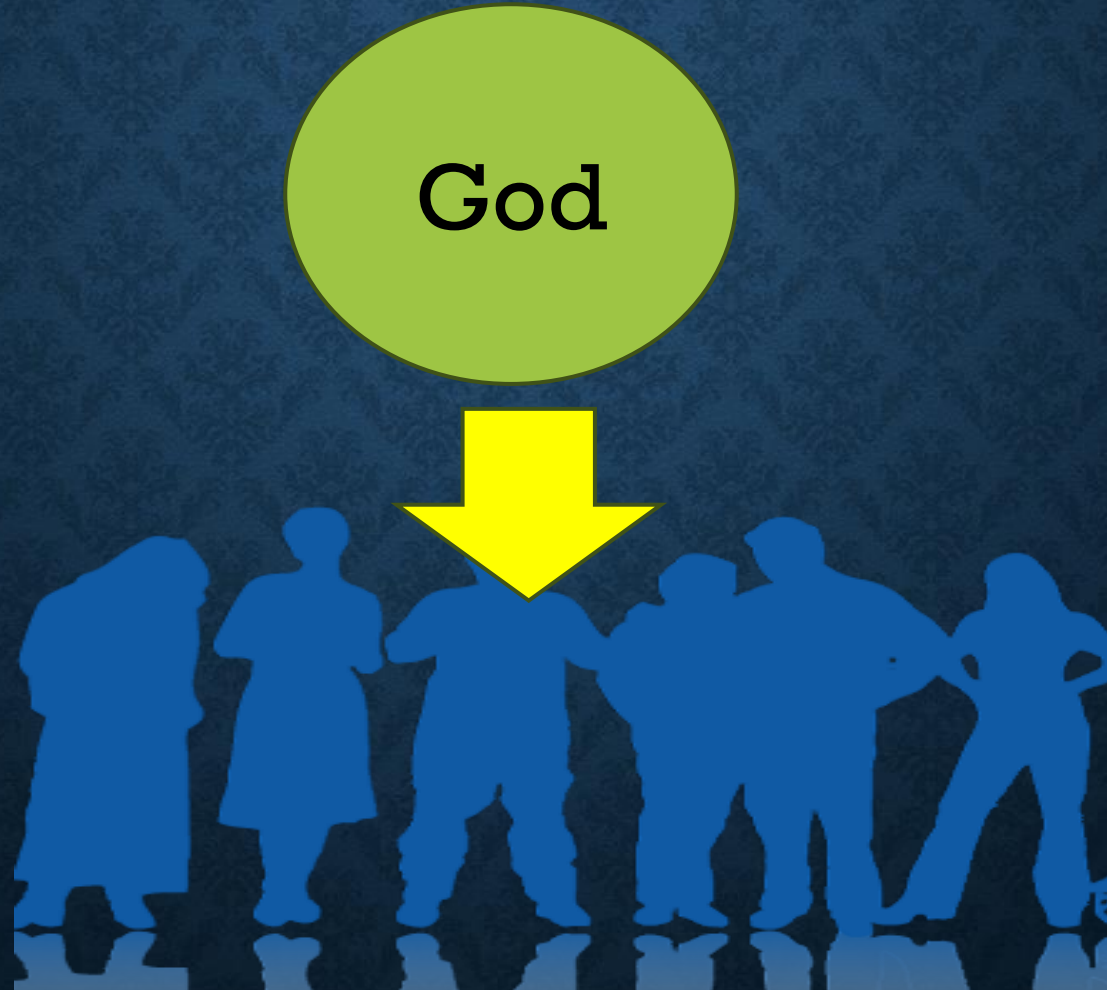
THE NATURE OF MAN MADE FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Genesis 2:18 (ESV) 18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

THE NATURE OF GOD

ALL RELIGIONS

Relationships are secondary





Genesis 2:23 (ESV) “This at last
is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

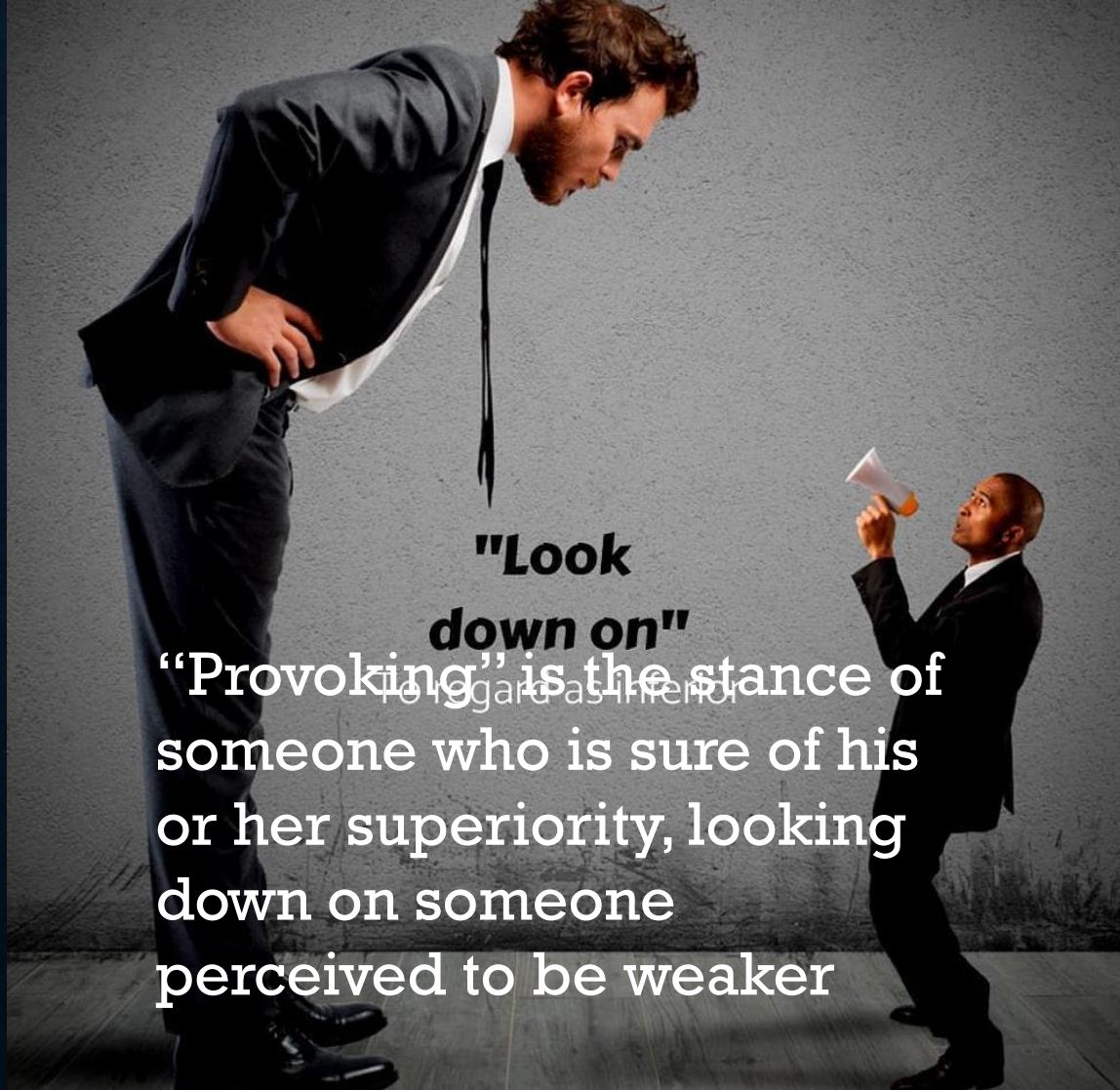
GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS

“to call out” or “to challenge

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LOOK DOWN PROVOKE



**"Look
down on"**

"Provoking" is the stance of someone who is sure of his or her superiority, looking down on someone perceived to be weaker

LOOK UP ENVY



stance of someone who is conscious of inferiority, looking "up" in jealousy at someone they feel is above them.

BEHAVIOUR



When criticised
Judgemental
Angry

Blow up
Pick fight
Critical
of others



When criticised
Defensive..excuses
I can never do what that
person has achieved

Clam up
Avoid
confrontation
Embarrassed

GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS

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1 Brothers, if a **Kenodoxoi**—vain glory or empty of glory
you who are s glory
of gentleness. Doxa..weight, that we matter
be tempted. 2 Desperately trying to prove something
fulfill the law of Christ. that they know is not true

NEED TO PROVE TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Honor hunger

Self absorption..how the other person makes you look





Superiority complex



Inferiority complex

MANIFESTATION OF CONCEIT

Different ways of dealing with glory vacuum

A photograph of two medical professionals in a clinical setting. On the left, a man in a white lab coat holds a stethoscope. On the right, a woman in blue scrubs is partially visible. The background is a blurred hospital hallway.

DESPERATELY TRYING TO FEEL BETTER THAN OTHERS

How to keep from saying I can do better than that
How to get out of saying I can never do as good as that
Glory hunger

A photograph of two chickens in a garden. On the left is a light-colored chicken with buff and white feathers. On the right is a darker brown chicken. They are both facing each other, and the brown chicken's head is tilted down towards the light chicken's head, suggesting a pecking interaction. The background shows green foliage and red flowers. The ground is dark soil with some dry grass.

**PECKING ORDER
IN RELATIONSHIPS WE ARE TRYING TO
DETERMINE IF I AM BETTER THAN YOU**



THE TRUTH

- We don't really matter
- Sin disrupts relationship with God whose opinion is the only one that matters
- We want cover ourselves
- If we get free from God we will finally count

GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE

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GOSPEL ALTERNATIVE
INSTEAD OF TEARING EACH OTHERS DOWN
WE ARE TO BUILD EACH OTHER UP


BEARING EACH OTHER'S BURDENS PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL RESTORATION

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A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, wearing black-rimmed glasses, is shown in profile from the waist up, looking back over his right shoulder with a surprised or defensive expression. He is pointing his right index finger towards the left. On the left side of the image, four hands from different people are pointing their index fingers towards the man. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different sleeves (dark grey, white, and dark grey). The background is a plain, light grey wall.

Not just any sin

Proverbs 10:12 (ESV)
Hatred stirs up strife,
but love covers all
offenses.



Unable to get out
Blind to own sin
Desperate

2.THE QUALIFICATION IS A BELIEVER WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

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SPIRITUAL ELITE



SPIRIT FILLED CHRISTIANS

Galatians 5:16-18 (ESV) 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law

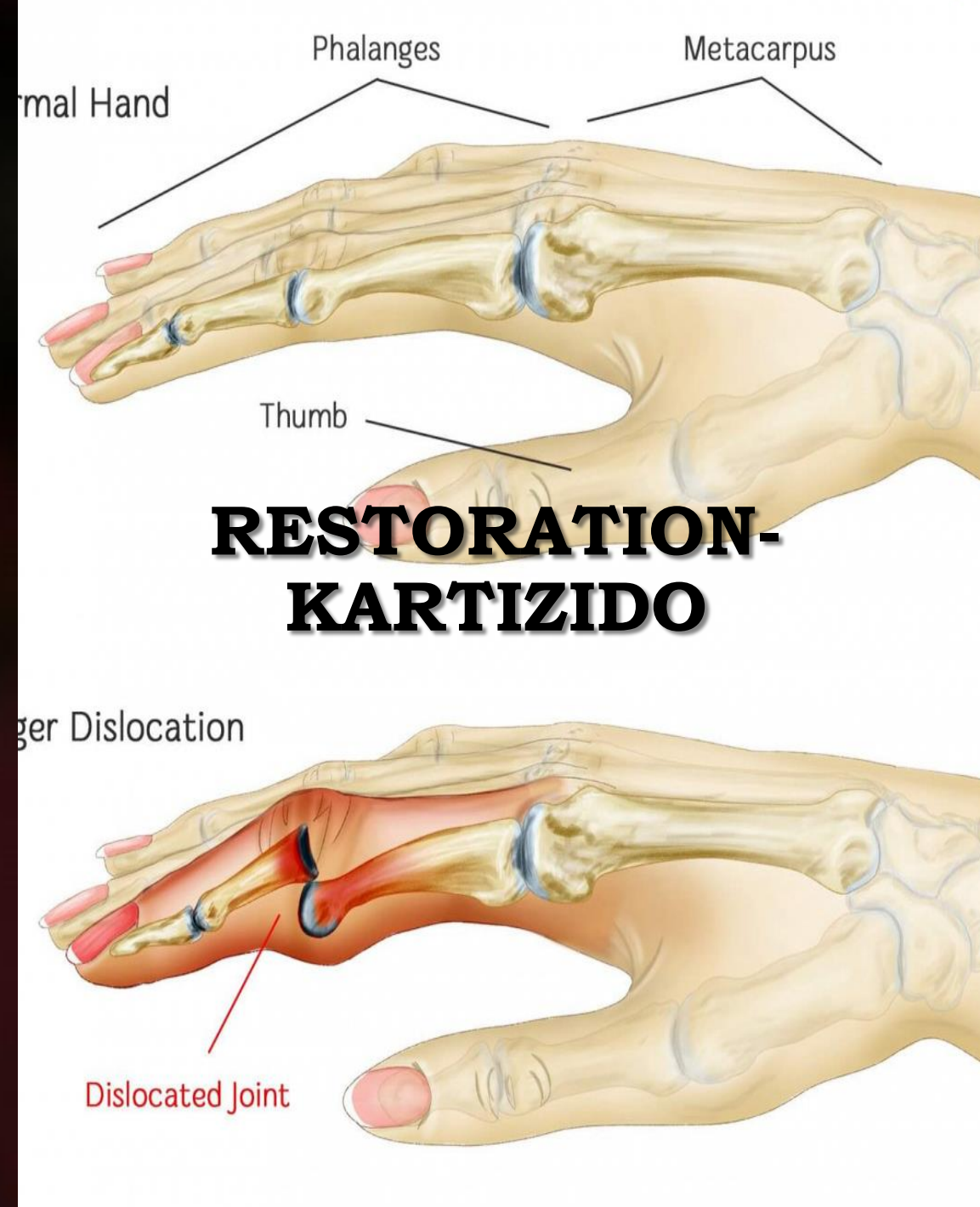
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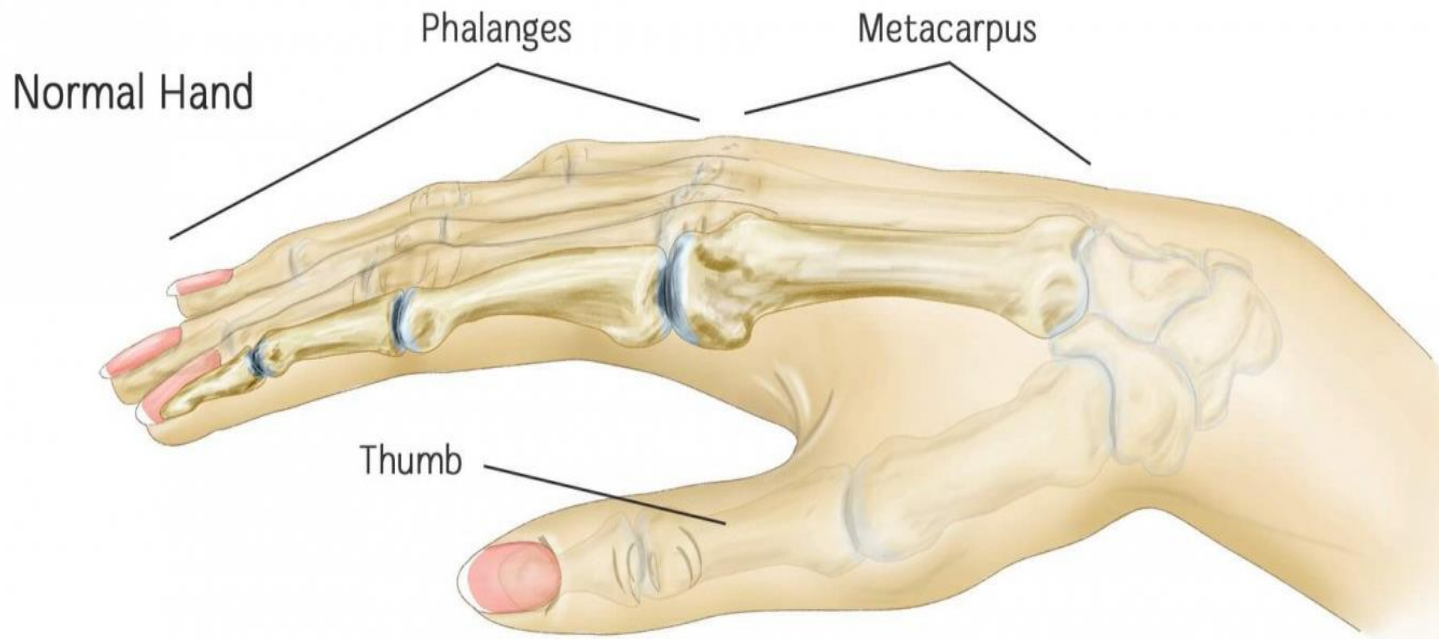
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REMOVAL?

Sin as a foreign body





RESTORATION- KARTIZIDO

- Inflict pain
- Healing pain
- Confront to seek
change in life and
heart

4. WE ARE TO DO IT GENTLY

26 Let us not become **conceited**, provoking one

another. Find someone who has a relationship with the person

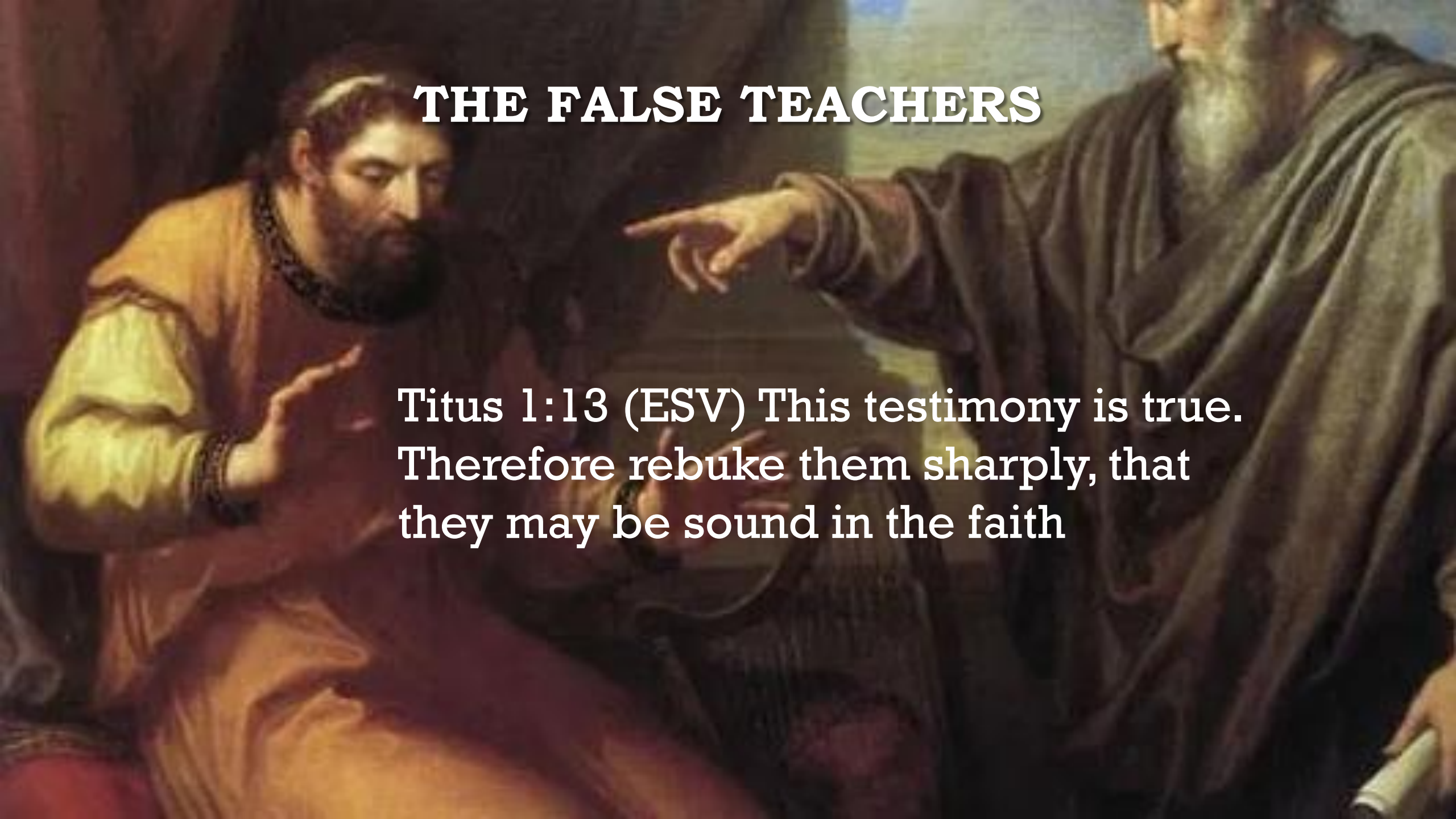
1 Whom he respects and listens to

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THE FALSE TEACHERS

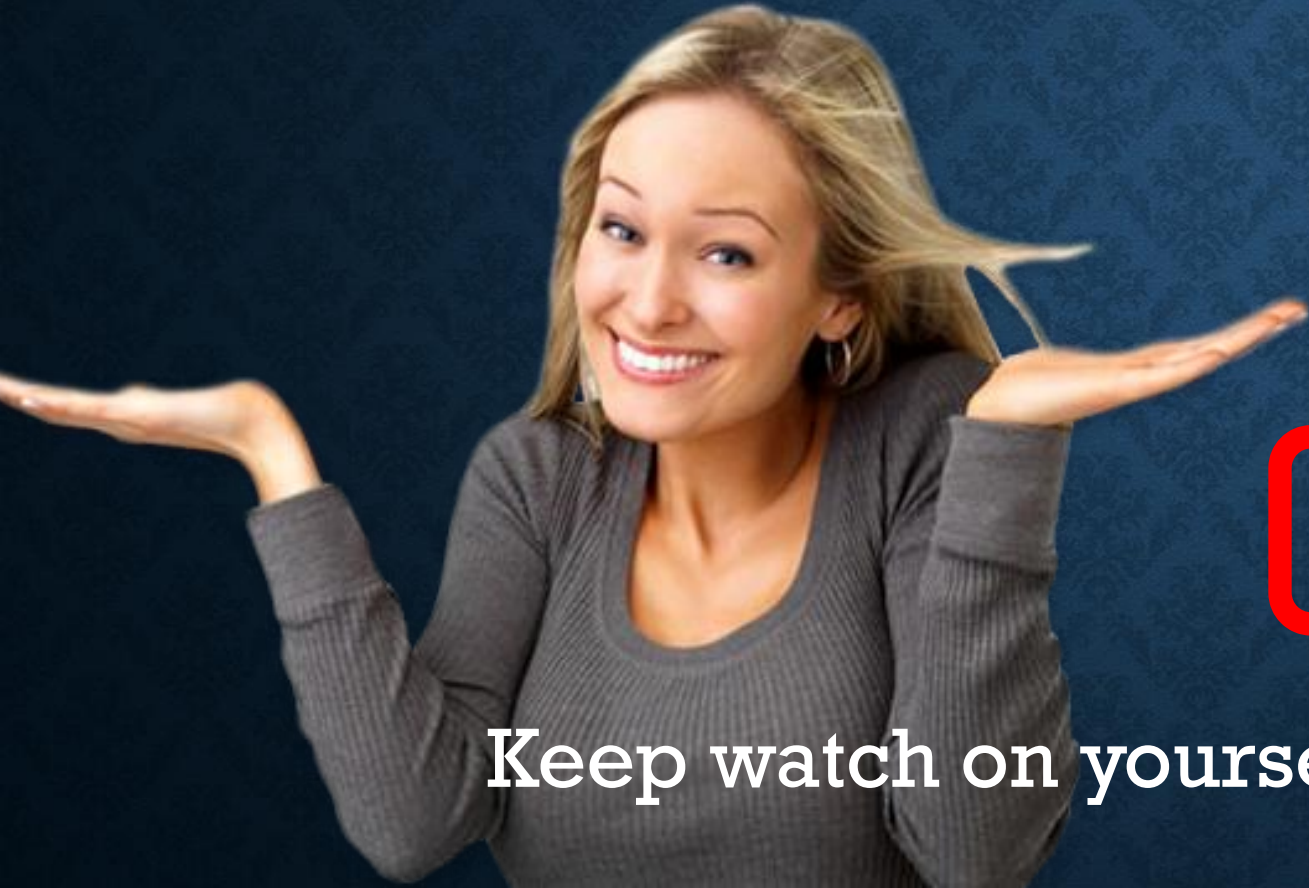
Titus 1:13 (ESV) This testimony is true.
Therefore rebuke them sharply, that
they may be sound in the faith

5. WE ARE TO DO IT HUMBLY

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HUMILITY WHICH IS IT?



Thinking less of yourself

Thinking of yourself less

Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Too self important ..self absorbed
Busy being superior or envious of being inferior
Will not want to bear the burdens of others

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IF NOT MORAL POLICE



6. WE ARE TO DO IT OUT OF LOVE BECAUSE CHRIST RESTORED US

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GOSSIP AGAINST OTHERS



LAW OF CHRIST

Galatians 5:13-15 (ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Exodus 20:2-7

Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery (v2)

- 1) You shall have no other **Love GOD** gods.
- 2) You shall not make for yourself an idol..
- 3) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...
- 4) Remember the Sabbath day...
- 5) Honor your father and mother **Love Man**
- 6) You shall not murder.
- 7) You shall not commit adultery.
- 8) You shall not steal.
- 9) You shall not bear false witness...
- 10) You shall not covet....



Christian and the law

Free from the law

Not obligated to obey in order
to be saved

Not Free from the law

Doubly Obligated to love God and man
His creation and sacrifice
Law is expression of God's nature and heart

**GALATIANS 5:6 (ESV) 6 FOR IN CHRIST
JESUS NEITHER LAW OF CHRIST
NEITHER CIRCUMCISION NOR
UNCIRCUMCISION COUNTS FOR ANYTHING,
BUT ONLY FAITH WORKING THROUGH
LOVE.**



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WHAT BURDENS?

- Judaizers laying burdens on others to fulfill the law of Moses
- Paul saying the opposite ..we should be lifting the burdens of others to fulfil the law of Christ instead.
- Life centered on people rather than a code.
- We bear the burdens/suffering of others like Christ bore our burdens

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PHORTION

Simple burden of load

God has given each of us a different set of liabilities and opportunities, a different set of weaknesses and gifts. These are our “load” — our responsibility before God

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**HONOR AT
EXPENSE OF
OTHERS**

COMPARING





weaknesses
gifts.



liabilities
opportunities

**Responsibilities before God
Faithful and obedient to these**



PRESENT

FUTURE

PAST

Judge our progress
In time





Superiority complex



Inferiority complex

Slow to judge others as well as understanding and generous

GOSPEL BEHAVIOUR

Bold

Loved by Almighty God

Not by our merit
or works..grace

Humble



But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me (1 Corinthians 15:10 ESV)



