Galatians 6:1~ Brothers, even though a man takes some false step<sup>1</sup> before he is aware of it, you who have spiritual qualifications try to readjust<sup>2</sup> such a man in a spirit of mildness, as you each keep an eye on yourself, for fear you also may be tempted.

Footnote: Literally; should be overtaken

Footnote: Or, to restore to proper position; to bring into proper alignment

1. Now Paul addresses his counsel to all those with spiritual qualifications among the congregation, and tells them, that it is their responsibility to look out for the other members of the congregation.

[Question] What is it the responsibility of those with spiritual qualifications within the congregation, to do for others needing help?

2. They should observe others who are among the flock of God, and when they see someone taking a false step, they should try to readjust such a man, but in a spirit of mildness, but not in anger, and not as authoritarians. They then should each keep an eye on themselves for fear, that the matter might also tempt them, as it has the offending brother.

[Question] How should they observe, and work toward the good, of their spiritual brothers?

[Question] How should they treat, and not treat, those to whom they help?

[Question] What should they also look out for among themselves when helping others?

3. Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In case a soul sins by mistake in any of the things that Yehowah commands should not be done, and he actually does one of them. (Leviticus 4:2)

[Question] What things were treated differently under the Law Covenant, than intentional sin?

4. Moreover, if your brother commits a sin, go lay bare his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. (Matthew 18:15)

**[Question]** How should we handle sins between brothers?

5. Therefore I ask; Did they stumble so that they fell

completely? Never may that happen! But by their false step there is salvation to people of the nations, to incite them to jealousy. (Romans 11:11)

[Question] What has resulted for Gentile anointed Christians through the misstep of the Jews?

6. However, the spiritual man examines indeed all things, but he himself is not examined by any man. (1 Corinthians 2:15)

[Question] What things does the spiritual man examine?

[Question] Does anyone not spiritual examine him?

7. An answer, when mild, turns away rage, but a word causing pain makes anger to come up. (Proverbs 15:1)

[Question] What does a mild answer turn away?

[Question] How should this counsel affect us, when we counsel others who may have sinned?

8' What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and mildness of spirit? (1 Corinthians 4:21)

[Question] How did Paul himself want to be able to come to those in Corinth who had sinned?

9. Accordingly, as God's chosen ones, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with the tender affections of compassion, kindness, lowliness of mind, mildness, and long-suffering. (Colossians 3:12)

[Question] What fine qualities should God's anointed sons clothe themselves with?

10" However, you, O man of God, flee from these things. But pursue righteousness, godly devotion, faith, love, endurance, mildness of temper. (1 Timothy 6:11)

[Question] What things should anointed sons of God be pursuing daily?

11. To speak injuriously of no one, not to be belligerent, to be reasonable, exhibiting all mildness toward all men. (Titus 3:2)

[Question] How should anointed Christians not act, and what should they exhibit to all men always?

12. Consequently let him that thinks he is standing, beware that he does not fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

[Question] What should the person that thinks that he is standing approved before God, take into account?

13. Do not be depriving each other of it, except by mutual consent for an appointed time, that you may devote time to prayer, and may come together again, that Satan may not keep tempting you for your lack of self-regulation. (1 Corinthians 7:5)

[Question] What should Christian married couples not deprive each other of, and why?

14. For we all stumble many times. If anyone does not stumble in word, this one is a perfect man, able to bridle also his whole body. (James 3:2)

[Question] What is true of all of us, and so how should we view the failures of our Christian brothers and sisters?

15. And his father did not hurt his feelings at any time by saying; Why is this the way you have done? And he was also very good-looking in form, and his mother had borne him after Absalom. (1 Kings 1:6)

[Question] How did King David deal with Absalom?

16. I would strengthen you with the words of my mouth, and the consolation of my own lips would hold back. (Job 16:5)

[Question] How did Job treat others through fine counsel?

17. Should the righteous one strike me, it would be a loving-kindness, and should he reprove me, it would be oil upon the head, which my head would not want to refuse. For still there would be even my prayer during their calamities. (Psalms 141:5)

**[Question]** How did the Psalmist view the counsel of a righteous man?

18. For if one of them should fall, the other one can raise his partner up. But how will it be with just the one who falls

when there is not another to raise him up? (Ecclesiastes 4:10)

[Question] How do marriage partners strengthen one another?

[Question] How should we feel about all our anointed brothers, so that we never experience the latter part of this verse?

19. Instructing with mildness those not favorably disposed, as perhaps God may give them repentance, leading to an accurate knowledge of truth. (2 Timothy 2:25)

[Question] How should we instruct those, not favorably disposed to listen to us, and why?

20" And keep making straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather, that it may be healed. (Hebrews 12:13)

[Question] What should we make for our feet, and why?

21. Know, that he who turns a sinner back from the error of his way, will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins. (James 5:20)

[Question] What will happen for the man who turns a sinner back from his way?

**[Question]** Why then, is the Christian ministry so important?

22. My little children, I am writing you these things, that you may not commit a sin. And yet, if anyone does commit a sin, we have a helper with the Father, Jesus Christ, a righteous one. (1 John 2:1)

[Question] What is the goal of all anointed Christians, to not do before God?

[Question] Yet is we fail in this at times, what can we expect from Jesus Christ?

23. Save them by snatching them out of the fire. But continue showing mercy to others, doing so with fear, while you hate even the inner garment that has been stained by the flesh. (Jude 1:23)

[Question] How should we treat those, who are figuratively near to getting burned by badness?

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[Question] While doing this, what should we watch out for in ourselves?