

# ***Fruit of the Spirit in Action... Toward a Wayward Believer***

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Series: Galatians– Living Above the Conflict

*“Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.”*  
1 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

*“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”*  
2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV

*“I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.”*  
Romans 16:17–18 ESV

*“For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.”*  
Romans 16:19 ESV

## **Spiritual Filled Believers Act in a God Honoring Way!**

*“Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”* Galatians 5:26 ESV

### **Three Hindrances to the Spirit Filled Life**

- 1. Fake View of Myself**
- 2. Fake View of Helping**
- 3. Fake View of Concern**

## **Five Objectives for Helping a Fallen Believer**

### **1. Be Caring -We are a family of faith**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”* Galatians 6:1 ESV

*“Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family... and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”* Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

### **2. Be Careful - Never underestimate temptation**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”* Galatians 6:1 ESV

*“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.” 1 Corinthians 10:12 ESV*

*“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.” James 1:14–15 ESV*

### **3. Be Capable -Enlist godly help**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 ESV*

*“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV*

### **4. Be Compassionate – Be gentle with others**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 ESV*

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 ESV*

### **5. Be Cautious – Be on your guard**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 ESV*

*“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1 Timothy 4:16 ESV*

## **Will I Be There for My Brother and Sisters in the Faith?**

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