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**LESSON** **13**: “Dealing with Sin as a Church” **Date**: December 14, 2014

**TEXT:** Galatians 6:1-10

**INTRODUCTION**

Since Christian freedom is not about me, but others, then its fruit of Spirit-filled ministry is service to its brothers and sisters even when they are gravely straying. Continuing and even specifically applying the principles of Galatians 5:13-26, Paul deals now with this topic of erring brothers and sisters and puts it squarely in the realm of local church ministry. In this passage, Paul’s message is clear—***we must
 with sin, or will deal seriously with us***. That message reveals to us both a spiritual responsibility and some compelling reasons.

**THE RESPONSIBILITY: DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH SIN (vv. 1-6)**

1. ***Instruction about the (vv. 1-2)***
	1. ***Situation (v. 1a)***

“anyone” —

“caught” —

“transgressions” —

* 1. ***Resolution (v. 1b)***

“spiritual ones” —

“restore” —

* 1. ***Disposition (vv. 1c-2)***
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“keep watch on yourself” —

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“in a spirit of gentleness” —

“bear one another’s burdens..” —

“and so fulfill the law of Christ” —

1. ***Instruction for the people (vv. 3-5)***
	1. ***Proper (v. 3)***
	2. ***Private (v. 4)***
	3. ***Personal (v. 5)***
2. ***Instruction for the people (v. 6)***

**THE REASONS: SIN WILL DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH YOU (vv. 7-10)**

1. ***Consequences (vv. 7-8a)***
	1. ***Self- (v. 7a)***
	2. ***Divine (v. 7b)***
	3. ***Fleshly (vv. 7c-8a)***
* ***You reap the same as you sow***.
* ***You reap in a different than when you sow***.
1. ***Alternative: “ to the Spirit” (vv. 8b-10)***
	1. ***(v. 9a)***
	2. ***(v. 9b)***
	3. ***(v. 10a)***
	4. ***(v. 10b)***

**CONCLUSION**

“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:19-20).