

# Burden

## Noun:

1. Something that is carried.
2. Something that is emotionally difficult to bear.
3. A source of great worry or stress; weight.

## Gal 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

## Psalm 55:22

Turn your burdens over to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will never let the righteous person stumble.

As we can see from the definition of burden to the application of burden in The Bible, To the believer, a burden is either an opportunity for Christ to shine through you, or something not meant for us to carry ourselves. But thinking proactively, it is also so important to discern the difference between a burden that is routine maintenance for the Bride to shine working as one unit, than from a burden given to you from the Lord. This latter burden is what we carry until we get to it. The dynamics of it are relative to the believer, like some might have just one and they are excellent at getting to it or not, then others like myself have several from the Lord but one main one that has been heavy on my heart since Jesus called me when I was just about 10 years old. When a person's burden is directly linked to their calling, we have the perfect formula for success.

## Spiritual Burdens vs Earthly Ones

It is important to pick your burdens carefully, because the wrong ones can break us and can sink ships, like the ones that get thrown on us unexpectedly or the ones we're obligated to take on because of external family. With humankind it's always going to be a hit or miss, but in the Body of Christ we have an opportunity like the first church had.....to experience a community where burdens that were weighty become feather light when everyone shares them equitably.

## Acts 2: 44-45, Acts 4:32

Unfortunately, the society that is (in and outside) of the church is too fragmented and normally gives to a church to help the church cover expenses and possible outreach. If we could see a Bride of Christ today like the first church did, who can share each other's burdens without anyone exploiting it, we would see what Jesus was burdened to see: His Body and Bride loving one another the way He commanded.

## John 15:13 ESV

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Note: the "life" in that verse could mean anything big or small and not just taking a literal bullet. "Your very life or substance in your life" is a better way of looking at that, so that a compromising spirit does not cling to an extreme and render it ineffectual for daily expression.

Note: a parsimonious spirit is a product of the curse of poverty. Look up "Parsimony" this spirit is the adversary of this study.

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **Love bears all things**, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

When there is nobody who can share your burden of course then it belongs to Jesus as the Word invites to:

**Psalm 55:22**

22 Cast your burden on the Lord,  
And He shall sustain you;  
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Now let's go deeper on this:**

**Matthew 11:28-29**

NKJV

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 **Take My yoke upon you** and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.**

Jesus still gives us something to carry, but it is a trade off of our worldly things for His Spiritual things. Heavy things for lighter things.

**The Point?**

**2 Peter 3:9**

God's will is that none should perish but that all come to repentance.  
I believe this is His #1 agenda (or burden) and most urgent.

A person of God with a burden for lost souls would be sharing the very heart of Jesus. In this disposition an extra benefit package opens up. This one burden guides the believer to get curious on finding ways to do something about getting to it birthing a proactive Spirit in a vessel turning it into a vassal. We might even call it, "The center of the Narrow Road". I am convinced it here where the favor the Lord manifested the most.

This one burden makes it and all others supernaturally lighter.

Be blessed, and may the Spirit of our Lord Jesus guide us to all Truth. 1 John 2:27

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