

*Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. Galatians 6:2-3 (NLT)*

## **Too Important**

**Are you too busy to see the needs of others? Are you so preoccupied that you can't even hear a cry for help? Is who you are or what you are doing too important to take time to help others in need? Please don't say yes you are too busy. Please don't say yes that you or your work is too important. It would grieve me so to hear those words come out of your mouth. Stop and think. Why have I given you so much? Why do you have gifts and talents and resources in abundance? Don't answer, just listen to me. I know that you want to be like me. I know that you want me to change your heart. I know that you want me to transform your mind. I know that you want to live the life that I have called you to live. Is all of this true?** Yes Lord, I want to be like you. I want to know you. I want to know your will. I want to walk in your ways. I want to go wherever you guide me. I want to do whatever you ask of me. **That is very good.**

**Was I ever too busy to help someone in need? Was I ever too important to stop what I was doing to help others?** No, you were never too busy or too important to help others. **Were my eyes open to see those in need? Were my ears open so I could hear the cries of those in need? Did I ever let my life become too busy and preoccupied that I ignored someone who was in need?** No Lord, you were never too busy. You were never preoccupied. Your eyes and ears were opened. You never missed out on an opportunity to help someone in need.

**What am I asking of you? What is my will? What will you do if you want to follow me? Where do you think I will lead you? What will I ask you to do for me?** You will ask me to love like you loved. You will ask me to give like you gave. You will lead me to serve others. You will call on me to use all the gifts, talents and resources that you have given me to share with others. You will ask me to do what you have done. You want me to go and meet the needs of others. **Yes, I do. Then you will be like me. Then you will be doing my will. Then you will bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. Are you ready?** Yes Lord, I am ready to serve you as I meet the needs of others.

*Lord, I know that there have been many times where I thought I was too busy or too important to help others in need. Forgive me. You have never been too busy or important to help me. Help me now to love and give like you loved and gave. Amen*

**If** *He Deceives Himself*

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

NIV Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *He Deceives Himself*

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.

ESV Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *You Are Too Important*

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

NLT Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *He Deceives Himself*

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

NKJV Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *They Deceives Himself*

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

NRSV Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *You Are Badly Deceived*

Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

MSG Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *Deceives And Deludes And Cheats Himself*

Bear (endure, carry) one another's burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) and complete what is lacking [in your obedience to it]. For if any person thinks himself to be somebody [too important to condescend to shoulder another's load] when he is nobody [of superiority except in his own estimation], he deceives and deludes and cheats himself.

AMP Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *Really A Nobody*

Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. If anyone thinks he is too great to stoop to this, he is fooling himself. He is really a nobody.

TLB Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *He Deceives Himself*

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

NASB Galatians 6:2-3

**If** *Only Fooling Himself*

By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is important when he really is not, he is only fooling himself.

NCV Galatians 6:2-3

# You Are Too Important

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If** – Galatians 6:2-3

**In Context:** *Read Galatians 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I know that there have been many times where I thought I was too busy or too important to help others in need. Forgive me. You have never been too busy or important to help me. Help me now to love and give like you loved and gave. Amen

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**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**Why must you never think that you are too important or too busy to help someone in need?**

How has the Lord been your role model for helping others in need?

How has the Lord opened up your eyes to see the needs of people all around you?

How has the Lord opened up your ears to hear about ways that you can help others in need?

**How has the Lord used your gifts, talents and resources to help others in need?**

How will you bear fruit for God's kingdom and bring glory to His name as you help others in need?

**How has your life been blessed as you have gone out of your way to sacrificially help others in need?**

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**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Open up your eyes to see and your ears to hear how the Lord wants to use you to help people in need.

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**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will regularly use you to help people in need.

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**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has used you to help people in need.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you never think that you are too important to help someone else.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will never allow myself to think that I am too important to help someone else.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to use me to help other people today?*

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