## DOUBLE DARE (Part 7) Double Bear Dare

Ephesians 4:1-6 & Galatians 6:1-2

- "Growing up" is natural,
   but sometimes difficult to define.
- 2. Paul offers a definition of <u>maturity</u> that points away from the <u>individual</u> and toward the <u>communal</u>. Ephesians 4:14-16
- 3. Christian <u>maturity</u> is seen in how we bear <u>with</u> and <u>for</u> those around us. John 13:35
- I. BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER Ephesians 4:1-6

Bearing with Others in 3D Romans 5:1-9

Those who disagree with me.

Those who disrespect me.

Those who are demanding of me.

"We most <u>bear</u> resemblance to <u>Christ</u>, when we bear with others."

II. BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS Galatians 6:1-2

What is a burden? Anything that weighs down the spirit and makes the heart heavy.

1. Burdens come in all sizes and types:

Physical, financial,

emotional, and even religious.

Luke 11:46

2. Jesus taught his followers how to bear burdens well.

Luke 10:33-37

You must be <u>close</u> enough to <u>see</u>.

You must <u>hear</u> enough to <u>understand</u>.

You must <u>care</u> enough to <u>move</u>.

3. Burden bearing is a two way street: I can't <u>bear</u> yours if I won't <u>share mine</u>.

"We most <u>bear</u> resemblance to <u>Christ</u>, when we bear another's burdens."

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