

# Restoration:

Perspectives, Principles  
and Plans



# Scriptures on Restoration

- **Isaiah 61:1**
- **Luke 4:18**
- **Hebrews 12:3-13**
- **Ephesians 4**
- **1Thessalonians 2:7-12**
- **Gal. 6:1**

## Galatians 6:1

“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should **restore** him **gently**. But watch yourself or you also may be tempted”

# Major Core Belief about Restoration

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For Restoration to be successful it must focus on transformation not behavior management.

# Assumptions: Behavior Management vs. Restoration

- Spiritual Maturity & Right Behavior are the same.
- Behavior you see is the best indicator of wholeness.
- Changed Behavior means a problem is “cured”.

- Changed Character is the measure of Spiritual Maturity.
- God is concerned with the heart: 1 Samuel 16:7
- Changed Behavior is the product of a changed heart..

# Core Beliefs about Restoration

1. Restoration Must Deal with Character Weaknesses if it is to be Effective.
2. A Restoration Process Leads to and Validates True Repentance.
3. Restoration is best done in the context of a community of believers who give direction and accountability

# The Restoration Team

- Under Sending Church Authority or Leadership.
- 3 to 6 Godly, Mature, Experienced people.
- Chosen by the Church in Consultation with the person being restored.
- A Comprehensive Restoration Plan

# A Comprehensive Restoration Plan Will Include These 8 Elements

1. A Restoration team to oversee the process.
2. Counseling or professional mentoring.
3. At least one peer accountability relationship.
4. Involvement & accountability in a church.



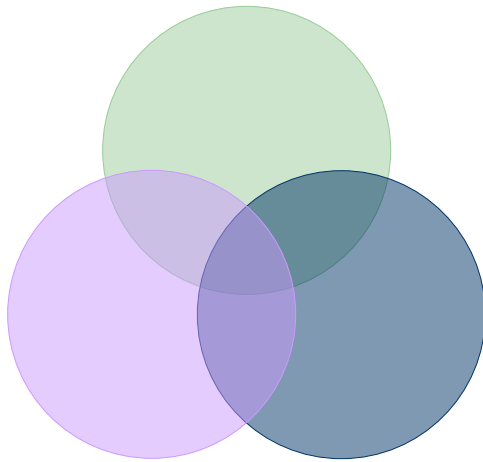
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5. Involvement & accountability in a small group Bible study.
6. Discontinuation of ministry involvement
7. Minimum but adequate time
8. Guidelines/Criteria for Assessing progress & determining completion of the Restoration process.

# Resources

- “Elements of a Healing and Restoration Plan”, by Steven G. Edlin, Unpublished Article, TEAM, Wheaton, IL.
- *Restoring the Fallen: A Team Approach to Caring, Confronting, & Reconciling* by Wilson, Friesen, & Paulson, IVP.
- “The Why & How of Restorative Care” by Christopher Rosik, PhD, in *Enhancing Missionary Vitality*, ed. By Powel & Bowers, Mission Training International.
- Leadership Journal Issue circa 1992

# Restoration of What?



- Our Relationship with God
- Our Relationship with Others
- Our Relationship with Self

# When is a Thief No Longer a Thief?

(Or When is a Thief Restored?) Eph. 4:28

**“He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.”**