

Sunday, June 2, 2024—Galatians 6:6 Is It Biblical/Pauline To Pay A Pastor?

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- **Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.**
- **Let him that is taught in the word**—the verb “taught” is in the passive voice. It is talking about those who are the recipients of the word being “taught.” This verse is talking about those who receive teaching from a Bible teacher within the local assembly.
- **Communicate**—is a present tense the active voice and the imperative mood. The verb signifies the act that is to be taken by those who are “taught in the word.” Recipients of the word command (imperative mood) to actively in the present be involved in communicating to “him that teacheth in all good things.”
- In his *American Dictionary of the English Language* Noah Webster defines the English verb “communicate” as follows:
 - To impart; to give to another, as a partaker; to confer for joint possession; to bestow, as that which the receiver is to hold, retain, use or enjoy; with to.
 - Galatians 6:6
 - To impart reciprocally, or mutually; to have or enjoy a share of; followed by with.
- Communicate in this context does not mean to merely talk to the Bible teacher when the message is finished. Rather it’s talking about reciprocating back to the teacher for their effort and energy in teaching the word. Let’s look at some other occurrences of the Greek word rendered “communicate:”
 - Romans 12:13—“distributing”
 - Romans 15:25-27—“partakers”
- **unto him that teacheth**—this “communication” is to be directed towards “him that teacheth.”
 - I Corinthians 9:1-14
 - Philippians 4:14-18
 - I Timothy 5:17

- Despite what many say on Facebook and social media, pay a Pastor is a Biblical/Pauline concept. Many people chafe against it because they witness the abuses of some in the religious system.
 - II Corinthians 9:7
 - I Corinthians 16:3
 - II Corinthians 8:2
- **in all good things**—believers have no obligation to “communicate” to those who aren’t reaching “good things.”
 - Titus 1:7, 11
 - I Timothy 6:3-11
- It is a Biblical/Pauline concept for those who are “taught in the word” to “communicate” i.e., reciprocate back to those who are teaching them.