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Freedom and Faith Produce Virtue and Love

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Spiritual virtue demands humble, self-sacrificial love.

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How does faithful virtue work?

(Actually walking into humble love through the Spirit)

2 Alternatives for freedom:

Galatians 5:25-26: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."
1 Walk in the Spirit
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3 demands of humble love that reveal the work of the flesh

1. Humbly restoring spiritual failures
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Galatians 6:1

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."

"overtaken" vs. "found out"

Risk or vulnerability?

Restored in an unexpected, but intended way
Being still in that sin for months, we in fact did not know and had no intention of being restored or taken up, which is what I did with. However, the Holy Spirit was working in a subtle, almost invisible way, and I was being restored by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Michael Edwards

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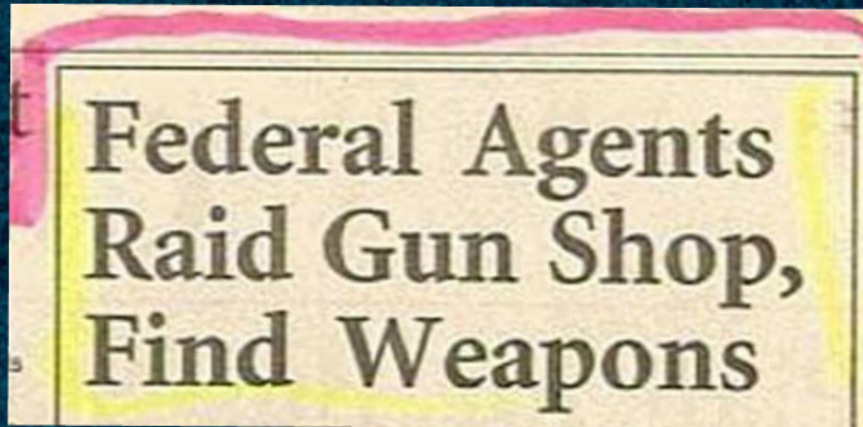
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