


Instructions for Disciples


Luke 17:1 - 10

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Overview Luke 17:1-10

- A warning about causing offense
- “Little ones” are believers
- Sinning brothers are to be rebuked
- Repentant brothers are to be forgiven
- Genuine faith is sufficient faith
- Disciples should serve without any attitude that God owes them something



Disciples must avoid giving offense

- **Luke 17:1**
He said to His disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come!”

“Little ones” are believers like Lazarus

■ **Luke 17:2**

It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble.

Disciples must seek to rescue sinners and forgive the repentant

■ **Luke 17:3, 4**

Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, “I repent,” forgive him.

Jesus’ teachings cause them to wonder if they are up to the terms of discipleship

■ **Luke 17:5, 6**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you.”

Typical slave/owner relationship

■ Luke 17:7, 8

Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come immediately and sit down to eat"? But will he not say to him, "Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink"?

"Thank" is *charis* – "grace"

■ Luke 17:9

He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?

Obedience creates no claims on God

■ Luke 17:10

So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, "We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done."

Implications and Applications

- 1) We must be motivated to preserve the well-being of other Christians
- 2) We must be people who practice forgiveness
- 3) Genuine faith is adequate to preserve us and sanctify us
- 4) Christian service should be done with a humble attitude

- 1) We must be motivated to preserve the well-being of other Christians

■ **Matthew 18:10**

See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

- 1) We must be motivated to preserve the well-being of other Christians

■ **1Corinthians 11:22**

What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

1) We must be motivated to preserve the well-being of other Christians

■ **2Timothy 4:2**

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2) We must be people who practice forgiveness

■ **Ephesians 4:32**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

3) Genuine faith is adequate to preserve us and sanctify us

■ **Ephesians 2:8, 9**

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

3) Genuine faith is adequate to preserve us and sanctify us

■ **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

4) Christian service should be done with a humble attitude

■ **1Peter 5:5**

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
