

Luke 17:1-10

I. Don't entrap vulnerable people in sin

- A. Temptations to sin – literally “stumbling blocks” or “traps” (1 Corinthians 1:23)
- B. “Little ones”
- C. We must not use our “liberty of conscience” to others’ hurt. (1 Corinthians 8)
- D. We must avoid a culture of superficial, “impressive” religion. (Matthew 23:14-15)
- E. How do we avoid causing others to stumble?

II. Deal with other people's sins the right way

- A. If your brother sins, rebuke him. (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Timothy 5:19-20)
- B. If your brother repents, forgive him. (Matthew 18:21-35)
- C. There must be no limit on your willingness to forgive a repentant brother. (Matthew 18; Luke 6:27-36)

III. Desire to obey

- A. The disciples’ response: “Increase our faith!”
- B. Jesus says that you don't need a lot of faith to do great things!
- C. Jesus is saying that they lack not the ability to obey, but the desire to obey.

IV. Don't think you impress God when you obey

- A. Jesus’ example: a hard-working servant is *only doing his job*
- B. Do we think of ourselves as doing God a favor?
- C. The difference between God and man destroys this idea (Romans 9)
- D. Our sinfulness and need for grace destroys this idea (Matthew 25:31-40; Philippians 2:12)
- E. “Pay attention to yourselves!”
- F. “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25)