





Be Restored

Matthew 18:15-35

Our Ministry - Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Our Goal – Unity in The Body Of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:25

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

I. The Process Of Dealing With Offenses

Matthew 18:15-17

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

I. The Process Of Dealing With Offenses

A. Don't let it simmer (18:15)

Matthew 5:25

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

I. The Process Of Dealing With Offenses

B. Do it biblically (18:16)

Deuteronomy 19:15

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

C. Do it decisively (18:17)

II. The Priority Of Dealing With Offenses

Matthew 18:18-20

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

II. The Priority Of Dealing With Offenses

A. Authority from God is given (18:18)

Matthew 16:19

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

B. Accomplishment by God is guaranteed (18:19)

C. Access to God is gained (18:20)

III. The Principles Behind Dealing With Offenses

A. Do not limit forgiveness (18:21-22)

Matthew 18:21-22

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

III. The Principles Behind Dealing With Offenses

B. Do not forget God's forgiveness (18:23-35)

Matthew 18:23-35

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

**Consider The
Multitude Of
Sins God Has
Forgiven For
Each of Us**

III. The Principles Behind Dealing With Offenses

B. Do not forget God's forgiveness (18:23-35)

Matthew 18:23-35 - continued

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

**Consider The
Times We Have
Not Forgiven
Others**

III. The Principles Behind Dealing With Offenses

B. Do not forget God's forgiveness (18:23-35)

Matthew 18:23-35 - continued

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

**Consider The
Impact Of Lack
Of Forgiveness
On Others**

III. The Principles Behind Dealing With Offenses

B. Do not forget God's forgiveness (18:23-35)

Matthew 18:23-35 - continued

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

**Do Not Carry
The Negative
Consequences
Of Failing To
Show Forgiveness**

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