

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: Heavy Instructions for Humble Servants

**Passage: Luke 17:1-10 (ESV)**

Illustration:

Need: Jesus instructs His followers about addressing with sin in the ranks and restoring those who fall into it.

**I. Beware of your affect on others (1-3)**

- temptations to sin = stumbling blocks (NASB), offenses (KJV) are inevitable/unavoidable.
- Jesus refers to those leading others away from Him by false teaching and issues a strong warning/Woe.
- Disciples must “Pay Attention” so they don’t also lead others toward sin/stumbling.

**II. Remember your responsibility to others (3-6)**

- Rebuking sin is a pointed Reprimand in hope of Repentance in order to Restore/Forgive.
- Six steps of responsible rebuke:
  1. Go certain of the sin. (2 Cor. 13:1)
  2. Go certain it is indeed sin. (Acts 17:11)
  3. Go having sufficiently prayed. (Eph. 6:18-20)
  4. Go humble & gentle with the goal of restoration. (Gal. 6:1; Jam. 5:19-20)
  5. Go one-on-one, next with 2 or 3, last before the whole church. (Matt. 18:15-17)
  6. Upon repentance, eagerly forgive and restore - not necessarily to past roles.
- Sins against us personally should, with repentance, result in unlimited instances of forgiveness.
- We never look more like our Father than we do when we forgive.

**III. Cultivate an attitude of humble service (7-10)**

- When we obey heavy instructions we should not see it as worthy of personal honor.
- Humble servants are grateful for the opportunity they have to serve. [More about that next week]

**IV. Put it to work:**

1. Pursue truth and share truth recognizing your life is a powerful example.
2. Responsibly rebuke your brother’s & be ready to repent when your brother rebukes your sin.
3. Be excited to forgive and restore those who repent of sin.
4. Determine to remain humble and faithful in your obedience to Christ.