

Increase Our Faith - Luke 17:1-6

ALWAYS CONDUCT OUR LIVES IN CHRIST - 17:1

Someone Will Fail Us from Time to Time - it is impossible but that offences will come - (Paul and Barnabas)

A Warning Not To Fail the Saved or Lost - but woe unto them, through whom they come!
(Hymaneus)

A Demand to Correctly Handle Each Difficulty Properly
but woe unto him... (Everyone must give an account)

ALWAYS CONSIDER THE SEQUENCES OF OFFENDING - 17:2

The Lord Sees These Offences as Punishable - It were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck...
(The punishment is severe, because eternity is severe)

There Is a Serious Consequence to Offending - and he be cast into the sea...

Offending May Mean Eternity to Some - than that he should offend one of these little ones. (The importance of each soul)

MAKE CORRECTION WHEN NECESSARY - 17:3A Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; (Your life and the life of another has eternal consequences)

Evaluate Your Lives Consistently - take heed to yourselves
(Judge not, lest ye be judged)

Don't Be Afraid to Warn Others of the Consequences - if thy brother trespass against thee...
(with boldness they preached the word)

When Offences Come, Rebuke Biblically - ...rebuke him
(Personally accountable to biblical principle)

HAVE COMPASSION AND FORGIVE, TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE - 17:3B-4 Cf.
Matthew 18

Give Each Person a Chance to Repent - and if he repent

Be Willing to Forgive at Each Offence - ...forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day...

Continuous Failure Requires Continuous Forgiveness
and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent;

Forgive Even When the Person Lacks Sincerity - thou shalt forgive him.

CONTEMPLATE NEEDING INCREASED FAITH - 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord...

See Forgiveness as an Issue of Faith - increase our faith

It Is Difficult to Forgive Others Who Irritate

The Disciples Understood How Difficult it Was to Forgive

COMMIT TO THE IMPOSSIBLE & GROW IN FAITH - 17:6

Have Faith to Believe in Their Repentance - If ye had the faith as a grain of mustard seed...

Have Faith in Eternal Consequences of Forgiveness - be thou plucked up by the root...

Have Faith That the Lord Will Weigh the Events in Eternity - and it should obey you.