

“Disciples Take Heed”

Luke 17:1-19

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I. Introduction

- A. As Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem, He continued to teach and warn His disciples. In our text today, Jesus warns us as His disciples to “take heed to ourselves” in three areas:
 - 1. Forgiveness
 - 2. Faithfulness
 - 3. Thankfulness
 - a) Be forgiving, be faithful, be thankful
- B. It’s time to take a spiritual inventory

II. Forgiveness (Luke 17:1-6)

- A. “Be forgiving”
 - 1. “Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:31-32).
 - a) Illustration- Jesus on the cross
 - 2. *“Let us go to Calvary to learn how we may be forgiven. And then let us linger there to learn how to forgive.”* – C.H. Spurgeon
 - a) Learn to be forgiving
 - b) It’s the evidence of a forgiven heart

III. Faithfulness (Luke 17:7-10)

- A. Two dangers to avoid in serving God
 - 1. Serving in a slavish way because you have to
 - 2. Serving to obligate God so He will bless you
 - a) Illustration- The elder brother
- B. What is the proper attitude for Christian service?
 - 1. “Doing the will of God from the heart” (Ephesians 6:6)
 - 2. “I delight to do thy will O my God” (Psalms 40:8)
 - a) Illustration- Story of husband and wife coming home from serving Christ in Africa
 - 3. Faithfully serve the Lord from your heart
 - a) Be humbly grateful for God’s grace

IV. Thankfulness (Luke 17:11-19)

- A. Ten cried out to Jesus, but only one came back to thank Him
 - 1. “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

2. “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name” (Psalm 100:4).
 3. “O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever” (I Chronicles 16:34).
- B. Ten were healed, but only one was saved (v.19)
1. Saved from sin
- C. Ten got something temporal, but only one got something eternal.

V. Conclusion

- A. Be forgiving
- B. Be faithful
- C. Be thankful