

JESUS TEACHES ON FORGIVING OTHERS AND SERVICE

(Luke 17:1-10)

A. DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES FORGIVING OTHERS (17:1-4)

1. Jesus was instructing His disciples on personal responsibility and just how _____ it was to teach error, and to hinder the _____ of a spiritually immature believer. (v. 1)
2. With the context beginning in 15:1 (and with the Pharisees within earshot), our Lord described just how serious this offense was by using an _____ of a _____. (v. 2, cf. 11:52; Matt. 18:1-7)
3. The disciple's responsibility in such cases is twofold: _____ of the sinner (Gal. 6:1), and generous _____ of the penitent. (v. 3, cf. Matt. 5:43-48; 6:12; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12-14)
4. The phrase, "*seven times in a day*" must be taken indefinitely, meaning we are to forgive each other _____ or _____ throughout the day. (v. 4, cf. Matt. 18:15, 21-22)

B. DISCIPLESHIP SHOULD BE A LIFE OF FAITH (17:5-6)

1. After what Jesus said about forgiveness, the apostles concluded that it would require a lot _____ than what they presently possessed. (v. 5)
2. Jesus did not answer their request directly, but His basic point was even a _____ amount of faith could do spectacular things when placed in the _____ object (v. 6)

C. THE PARABLE OF THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT (17:7-10)

1. The introductory word “*and*” indicates that Jesus was now going to balance one lesson with another; i.e., faith that does not result in _____ will _____ accomplish the Lord’s work.

2. A typical servant in Jesus’ day would _____ expect a “_____” for performing the basic duties of his job. (vv. 7-8)

* Did the Pharisees believe that their righteous deeds put God in their debt?

3. As servants of our Master, our Christian lives are filled with _____ tasks and responsibilities, and we should _____ expect special praise for doing things that are _____ of us. (v. 9)

4. From this word translated “*unprofitable*” we can gather that God _____ owe us anything, and whatever _____ we receive stems from His _____. (v. 10)

* How should you view service to your Savior?

* What can you personally apply from this passage?