

LESSON 6. Encouragement & Correction (1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:1; Matt. 18:15ff;)

As brothers and sisters bound by covenant commitments to Christ, we are to be helped and aided in our service together. What attitudes and responsibilities should disciples have towards each other?

Romans 12:10:

Romans 12:13:

Romans 12:15:

We mutually benefit from encouraging and learning from one another. (Heb.10:24)

Note the different needs that occur among us: 1 Thess. 5:14

We all benefit from correction. What is our standard of correction? (2 Tim. 3:17)

We also benefit from brethren that care enough to share correction with us. Proverbs teaches that the wise appreciate correction.

Discuss the lessons taught in the following texts?

1. In what manner should we go to someone needing help? Gal. 6:1
2. How many times shall I be willing to forgive a brother? Luke 17:3 & Matt. 18:15-35
4. If going to a brother that has sinned against me does not fix the problem, what is to be done? Matt. 18:15-17
5. If a brother then repents, what is important now in how I treat him? 2 Cor. 2:5-11
6. The church at Corinth had a brother living in unrepentant immorality. What did Paul instruct the church to do? (1 Cor. 5)

Why was this needed for the sinful brother? (1 Cor.5:5)

Why was this needed for the church? (1 Cor. 5:6)

7. The church at Thessalonica had some members that lived disorderly (unwilling to work, busybodies). Paul had taught on this when he was there (2 Thess. 3:10). He had taught again on it in his first letter (1 Thess. 4:11-12). The problem has continued. What does he instruct in 2 Thess. 3:6-14?

Note: a.) assembled recognition of the problem: 1 Cor. 5:4-5; 2 Thess. 3:14

b.) personal separation due to the problem: 1 Cor.5:9-11; 2 Thess. 3:14

This is not a refusal to speak to the brother. He is a brother that still needs admonishment. He is not to be treated as an enemy, but as an unfaithful brother. (2 Thess. 3:15)

DISCUSSION: Discuss the difference between wisdom and foolishness from the following texts:

Proverbs 1:5; 12:1; Prov. 9:8; Eccl. 7:5

Discuss biblical & practical principles that will help us help each other.

Discuss biblical & practical principles that will help us learn from each other.