

**MAKE IT
RIGHT**

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Matthew 18:15-20

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Introduction

A. We all should want things to go right

B. We all should want to do right

C. We all should want to make things right

I. The Problems Of Not Making Things Right

A. God's worship is hindered

Matthew 5:23-24

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

I. The Problems Of Not Making Things Right

B. God's work is hindered

Romans 12:17-21

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

I. The Problems Of Not Making Things Right

B. God's work is hindered

Romans 12:17-21 - continued

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

I. The Problems Of Not Making Things Right

C. God's will is hindered

Ephesians 4:3

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

II. The Purpose Of Making Things Right

A. Not to win or prove your point

Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

II. The Purpose Of Making Things Right

A. Not to win or prove your point

Matthew 20:25-28 - continued

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

II. The Purpose Of Making Things Right

B. Not to judge the other

Matthew 7:1-3

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

**2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged:
and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to
you again.**

**3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy
brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in
thine own eye?**

II. The Purpose Of Making Things Right

C. Gaining your brother

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

A. One on one privately

1. The speaker

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

A. One on one privately - continued

2. The hearer

James 1:21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

A. One on one privately - continued

3. Forgive and forget

Matthew 6:14-15

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

B. Parties plus witnesses

1. Sides heard

2. Scripture sought

3. Silence kept

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

C. Parties plus the church

1. The authority of the church

1 Corinthians 5:12

For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

C. Parties plus the church - continued

2. The attitude of the church

2 Corinthians 2:8

Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

C. Parties plus the church - continued

3. The aim of the church is restoration

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

**10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation
not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world
worketh death.**

III. The Practice Of Making Things Right

C. Parties plus the church - continued

3. The aim of the church is restoration

2 Corinthians 7:11

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

4. The agony of the church if not resolved

**To Make It Right
We
Must Do Things Right**