

First Southern Baptist Church - 3-16-22
Four Principles for Disciples - Luke 17:1-10

1. Be Careful How You Lead (1-2)

- A. Just discussed issues they'd brought up -
 - Pharisees misled
 - don't be like Pharisees who lead others into sin
- B. Leadership is important
- C. "Woe" - "watch out" - but stronger
 - strong, serious
- D. **Danger** of misleading
 - Held accountable for money
 - Doubly held accountable for leadership

2. Always be Ready to Forgive (3-4)

- A. "Take heed to yourselves"
 - looks at Pharisees - be careful
 - to yourselves
- B. Active forgiveness
 - as you're sinned against
 - suppose he comes to you seven times - forgive him
- !!). Two ways around:
 - 1) That means I can quit at 8, right?
 - 2) Has to ask for forgiveness to happen -yeah but
 Father forgive them
- C. Make forgiveness a lifestyle
 - says something - upset forgive
 - doesn't do what expect - upset, forgive
 - attacks of Satan - upset, forgive (through Peter?)
 - some haven't ever come to grips with parent failure - forgive
- D. **Debt** of forgiveness
 - because we've been forgiven, we owe forgiveness

3. Faith is a Seed (5-6)

- A. Train of thought
 - Don't be like a Pharisee
 - Take heed to yourselves
 - Forgive like that? - how in the world?
- B. How in the world? I need more faith - increase our faith
 - !!). two things the disciples asked for - "teach us to pray" - more "faith"
- C. "Faith" - trust -faith as the power to be/ do right
 - increase my spirituality - my spiritual life
- D. "Grow our faith!"
 - isn't this the way it always is?
 - circumstances - led into which demand more from us than we have
 - have to lean on God

Example - your life bills, don't know how - trust, pray
 -"help me" - faith grows as you see God provide

Example - asked to teach a class - "help me"
 -more than ever - trust, ask, faith grows

Example - asked to change jobs
 -what am I gonna do
 -led to a place never been before
 -faith grows

D. *Dynamic* of faith

God's will, will never lead you where His grace cannot sustain you
 Get stretched - find out how big God is

!!). How much does it take - a grain, just a little grain

4. A Servants Duty is to Serve (7-10)

A. Circumstances

-all day
 -comes in, asked to serve more
 -to do extra

B. Humility

-his task, his assignment
 -my job...
 -it doesn't matter if anyone else does - asked me
 -it doesn't matter if anyone sees - asked me
 -it doesn't matter if I succeed - asked me

C. We get to serve the King of Kings

-you and I are so blessed
 -saved
 -if that's not enough, use me to lead a class or help with committee

D. That's the *Duty* of service

-"duty" as a good thing
 -very honorable

First trip to Canary Islands

-this passage came to life - Luke 17 - we've only done what is our duty*

Conclusion:

Woe to offenders - their sin

Take heed to yourselves

I need more faith!

All in a day's work - we are servants