

The Gospel of Luke: The Lifestyle of a True Disciple (17:1-10)

1. Lifestyle 1: No Stumbling Blocks (vs.1-2)

- A. Causing others to _____
1. It is inevitable, lit. It cannot but be, or it is this way, stumbling blocks will come
 2. stumbling blocks – scandles, offenses, early use of Gk. word, a bait stick for trap
*hurt, offended, harmed and led away from God and pushed toward sin
***Romans14:20,21** – *example* – alcohol...
 3. Don't lead little ones into sin – it matters how we live, what does your life teach about Christ?
*little children in crowd; more specifically young believers in Christ; **Matt18:6**
***Traps** are by what we do/live and by what we teach of the truth of God
- B. Woe to those who are stumbling blocks; God will _____ in eternity
1. Woe/Judgment on those who do this – a large millstone, horrible death of drowning is better
*drowning for Jews was a horrific punishment for Jews, only for Gentiles
 2. Unbelievers – you are storing up wrath and judgment on yourself in hell; **Lk16; Rom2:5-6**
 3. Believers – better die horrible death than face God's chastening and loss of eternal rewards

2. Lifestyle 2: Loving Forgiveness (vs3-4)

- A. Beware! Be on your guard to love and _____
1. Believers live lifestyle of love and forgiveness (**Lk6:27-32; Jn13:34-35; Eph4:29-32; 5:1-2**)
 2. We show unconditional love/forgiveness even if person doesn't ask/repent
***Mk11:25-26; Col3:12-14; 1Cor13:5; Prov10:12; 1Pe4:8**
***Ex:** Jesus on the cross; Philip being stoned... *also* consider marriage...
- B. There are sins we need to _____ – sin pursued, lifestyle, drawing others in, hurting the church
1. Jesus is speaking here of lovingly going to a brother/sister in this situation
 2. How do we do this? *Parallel passage is **Matt18:15-17; also see Gal.6:1,2**
 3. How much do we do this? As many times as they repent (or church discipline)
- C. Unforgiveness brings God's _____ on a believer, or is sign person is a fake (**Matt18:32-35**)

3. Lifestyle 3: Simple Faith (vs.5-6)

- *Increase our _____ *No, you already have enough faith, simply believe Me and obey...
- *mustard seed faith, is little faith, we don't need great/giant faith, just simple trust in a great God
- *I simply believe who God is and what He has said (**Heb11:6; Jer17:7,8**)

4. Lifestyle 4: True Humility (vs.7-10)

- A. True _____ is the distinguishing mark of a true disciple of Jesus and necessary for salvation
1. Pharisees were always exalting themselves because of works – pride; *but* **Matt5:3,20; 1Pe5:5**
 2. Humility is the principle of all Scripture – **Luke14:11; Prov16:18; Ja4:6,10**
- B. Jesus tells them true humility _____ honor from our works, that's what we're supposed to do (**vs.10**)
- ***Eph2:10; 2Cor12:9,10** – we are strongest when we are most dependent on God!
- C. True humility is the _____ to the Christian life, and this whole message of Jesus (**1-3 above; Lk15-17**)
- *Humility has simple childlike faith; is eager to forgive and loves others more than self!