

“Pay Attention To Yourselves!”

Sin, Rebuke, Repentance, And Forgiveness In The Church

Luke 17:1-4

Because Christ has not returned, and believers are not yet “made perfect in holiness” (SC #37), there are many opportunities to repent and forgive one another! Today Jesus calls us to certain precise actions when we sin and certain precise actions when we are sinned against. They seem easy until you are required to do them! Consider the seriousness of sin and heed the Lord’s call to grow in our own conflict resolution skills. Practice the discipline of repentance and forgiveness with your head, heart, and hands!

I. Pay _____ to yourselves!

1. The _____ (v. 3a) places believers in _____ where sin _____.
2. Consider “those duties we mutually owe in our several _____” (LC #126).

II. Sin is _____ and it is _____.

1. Note the divine _____ on those bringing _____ to God’s people.
2. Jesus enacts his rigorous _____ over “these _____ ones.”
3. Do you _____ your comrades enough to _____ them to _____?

III. “Better is _____ than _____ love” (Prov. 27:5).

1. Rebuke must always be done constructively and _____.
2. The objective standard is the _____ of God, not my _____.

IV. Commit yourself beforehand to _____ (WCF 15).

1. It comes from a heart _____ by God’s _____ standards.
2. Understand your need for _____. Seek it out!

V. The _____ duty of _____ (v 3-4).

1. Where we say “I CAN’T forgive, Jesus says “you MUST forgive him.”
2. HEAD:
3. HEART:
4. HANDS: