

**I. SEEK THE LOST SHEEP!** (Mt.18:10-14; see Lk.15:3-7; see Ezk.34:4,16; Acts 20:24; 1Pt.5:1f; see Mt.10:5,6 & 28:19f)

- A. GONE ASTRAY: SIN** (Mt.18:6f,12,15,21; see 1Jn.3:4; Rom.7:15; LC,91f; see 1Cor.13:7; Eph.4:2; Col.3:12f)
- B. SEEK YOURSELF FIRST** (Mt.18:8f; 7:3f; Gal.6:1 /see Ps.51:1f; Lam.3:40; Rom.7:14f; 2Cor.13:5 /Lk.18:13f)
- C. LEAVE, GO, SEEK** (Mt.18:12,15)
- D. PRIORITIZE THIS AMONG YOUR OTHER DUTIES** (Mt.18:12; see Lk.10:33; Tt.3:14)
- E. PERSEVERE: SEEK UNTIL FIND** (Mt.18:12,13; see Lk.15:4,8,20; note: Mt.5:23f)
- F. REPENTANCE: REJOICE VS. RESENT** (Mt.18:13; see Lk.15:5f,9f,22f)
- G. UNREPENTANCE: GRIEVE VS. GRUMBLE** (Mt.18:13,14; see Ezk.18:31,32; 33:11)

**II. TURN BACK A SINNER!** (Mt.18:15-18; see Lk.17:3; Jn.20:23; Ps.80:3,7,19; Jms.5:20; see Num.22:22f)

- A. LEARN HOW TO SEEK FOR LOST SHEEP** (Mt.18:12f&15f)
- B. BIBLICAL METHOD**
  - 1. enlighten, convict (Mt.18:15; Jms.2:9; 2Sam.12:7)
  - 2. admonish, rebuke (Rom.15:14 (Eph.4:15); Lk.17:3; see Lev.19:17)
- C. GOAL: REPENTANCE** (Mt.18:15 (1Pt.3:1); Lk.17:3,4; see Lk.24:47; Acts 2:38; 5:31; 8:22)
- D. DISCERNMENT: FRUIT OF REPENTANCE** (Lk.17:4 /Lk.3:8; 2Cor.7:10 /Lk.19:8-10; Lev.5:16; 6:4,5)
- E. KEEP SIN AS PRIVATE AS POSSIBLE** (Mt.18:15; see 2Sam.12:7; *contra* social media!; see Prov.20:19; Rom.1:29; 2Cor.12:20; 2Tm.3:3)
- F. ADD WITNESSES AS NECESSARY** (Mt.18:16; see Dt.19:15; 2Cor.13:1; 1Tm.5:19; Heb.10:28)
- G. REMOVE UNREPENTANT SINNER AS LAST RESORT** (Mt.18:17 /1C.5:13 (Dt.17:7,12,etc.); Ezk.34:16)
- H. TRUST GOD TO WORK IN THIS PROCESS** (Mt.18:18; see 16:19 (Eph.2:20); Jn.20:23)
- I. SUBMIT TO CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH** (Mt.18:15-20 (9:36; Mk.6:34; Jn.10:12); see Dt.21:19f; 22:15f; Ps.107:32; Acts 15:1f; 1Th.5:12f; Heb.13:17; 1Tm.3:1f; 5:17; 1Pt.5:1f)

**III. RECONCILE WITH YOUR REPENTANT BRETHREN!** (Mt.18:21-35; Lk.17:4; see Gal.6:1; 1Cor.5:13 & 2Cor.2:4f)

- A. BE MOVED WITH COMPASSION** (Mt.18:27; 12f,15f; see 9:13,36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; see Phil.2:1f; Col.3:12,13; see Tt.3:14)
- B. FORGIVE WITHOUT LIMIT TO COUNTS** (Mt.18:21,22; Lk.17:3,4; *contra* Gen.4:24)
- C. FORGIVE WITHOUT LIMIT TO COST** (Mt.18:24,28; see Lev.16:21; see 2Cor.5:21; debts & dues)
- D. FORGIVE OFTEN BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN MUCH MORE OFTEN** (Mt.18:22; Lk.17; see Mt.6:12)
- E. FORGIVE MUCH BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN MUCH MORE** (Mt.18:24; see Mt.6:12; Eph.4:32; Col.3:13; see Lk.7:47; 1Jn.4:19)
- F. FORGIVE GENUINELY, CHEERFULLY AND ABUNDANTLY BECAUSE GOD HAS DONE THE SAME FOR YOU** (Mt.18:35; 10:8; Lk.6:38; 2Cor.9:7; see Mt.12:34; 15:18; see Eph.4:31,32; Col.3:13)
- G. DREAD THE FEARFUL CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FORGIVING** (Mt.18:35,32f; 6:14,15; see 1Jn.3:10f; 4:8f,20)

**IV. TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FORGIVE!** (Mt.16:21f,24f; 18:1-35; Col.2:24f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)