

Matt. 18:6-10 COUNCILS TO DISCIPLES Luke 17:1-10

*Council; Call together* Matt. 5:29,30

*Council: mutual advising; advice given as a result of consultation.*

1. COUNCIL CONCERNING OFFENCES. Luke 17:1,2

1. Offences are sure to come.

2. The source and offences would be worldliness, selfishness, on the part of professors of godliness. EXAMPLE:

The rich man of Luke 16:19-31 who, no doubt, was religious but was heartless, selfish, condemned for inhumanity.

2. COUNCIL CONCERNING FORGIVENESS. Luke 17:3,4

Matt. 18:21,22; Rom. 12:21

1. Here Jesus tells the future teachers in his Church how they must act.

1. They must never grow tired of exercising forgiveness. AND:

2. Without modifying the unfavorable opinion we have formed of his conduct.

3. COUNCIL CONCERNING FAITH. Luke 17:5,6

Matt. 17:14-21

1. Increase our faith. If they had the least amount of faith, which Jesus compares to a mustard seed, they would have power to:

1. Accomplish what seemed to them impossible.

2. With that amount of faith they could win the victory over themselves necessary for a perpetual loving judgment of others.

4. COUNCIL CONCERNING SERVICE. Luke 17:7-10

1. The servants duties: Plowing and feeding of the cattle.

2. For the loyal, patient, unwearied worker, there can be no complacency, self-satisfaction, hither to will I serve and no more. No asking, "What shall we have therefore." Matt. 19:27

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