

Luke: Heaven's Savior with a Human Touch
Doing our Duty and More
Luke 17:1-19
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World Class leaders do their **DUTY** & **MORE**.

World Class Leaders...

1. Challenge others to be their **BEST**. Luke 17:1-2

Luke 17:1-19 — *1 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin."*

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2. Have the **HARD CONVERSATIONS**. Luke 17:3-4

3 *Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

Ephesians 4:15 — *15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

1. Pray for God's help in getting my concern across without generating antagonism or defensiveness.
2. Approach the other person as a friend, not an adversary.
3. Imagine the most innocent possible reason for the other's fault, not the most insidious or repulsive. Think the best about them because I've challenged them to be their best.
4. Make my approach a series of gradual and mutual agreements: "Could I speak to you?" "I'm having trouble with something. May I ask you about it?"
5. State my case once clearly. Repetition becomes the pounding of a sledgehammer.
6. Express gratitude for the conversation, confidence in the relationship, and cordial expectations for the future. Show that you harbor no doubt that the matter has been solved. Again, see point #1.

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3. Recognize their need to **GROW**. Luke 17:5-6

5 *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

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4. Are faithful without EXPECTATIONS. Luke 17:7-10

7 “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? 8 Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ”

Ephesians 6:6 — *6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,*

John 14:15 — *15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

1 John 5:3 — *3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

Psalms 40:8 — *8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”*

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5. Bring GLORY TO GOD. Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

14 When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

Psalms 107:8 — *8 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

17 Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Let’s talk about doing our duty and more...

1. Why are temptations to sin a certainty in this life (v.1)?
2. Why is it such a terrible thing to be the cause of temptation to sin in another person’s life (v.1)?
3. How can you make sure that you are not the reason another person stumbles in their faith in Jesus (v.3)?
4. What are we supposed to do when a fellow believer sins against us (v.3)? Why is that so hard?

5. Which do you think is the more difficult thing to do...ask for forgiveness or extend forgiveness (v.4)? Why?
6. What is the key issue when it comes to faith in our lives (v.6)?
7. What does the story Jesus told say about our relationship to God (v.7-10)?
8. What should our response be even after we have done everything we believe God has commanded us to do (v.10)?
9. What does Jesus' response to the cry of the ten lepers say about how a leader should conduct themselves even today (v.14)?
10. What should be our response when we recognize God's gracious work in our lives (v.15-16)?