Restoring The Erring (Brotherhood #2)

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INTRODUCTION

- Does the preaching of the gospel change me? Do the sermons that I hear, do they affect change in my life?
- The one who says he loves God but hates his brother, he is a liar. That's how serious this matter of brotherhood is.
- To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kind-hearted, and humble in spirit.

1 The Neglected Model of Matthew 18

Matthew 18:15–18

- If your brother sins, go and reprove him in private. If he listens to you have won your brother.
- There is the private stage. You go talk to him alone. The semi-private stage where two or three others are brought as witnesses, and then the more public stage of telling it before the whole congregation.
- This needs to be handled on a small of a scale as possible, so that if the matter can be resolved as quickly as possible, you're the only ones that need to know about it.
- The whole desire and plan is to resolve that matter there to not have to proceed to the third and final stage.

2 This Is the Lord's Wisdom

1 Corinthians 5:5–6

- This is the Lord's wisdom on how to deal with it.
- There will be occurrences where they don't listen. And you have to proceed to step two and step three.
- We can't judge it from the standpoint of how they respond to us. This is about the rescue of their soul.
- It works because God wants it done.

3 First Personal Assessment: The Log in Your Own Eye

Matthew 7:1–5; Luke 18:9–14

- There's some first personal assessment that we need to undergo. Do not judge lest you be judged.
- There's still some judging that has to be done, but it's the way you judge. That's the key here.
- First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly. To take the speck out of your brother's eye.

- The speck still needs to come out. He's saying first you need to stop and pause and consider yourself.
- It is far more difficult to assess one's own failures, to see one's self clearly and accurately than it is to see the glaring errors of others.

4 You Who Are Spiritual, Restore Such a One

Galatians 6:1–2; James 5:19–20

- You who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness, and that works well with Matthew 7. Do it with the right spirit or attitude.
- Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ.
- It'll make you more spiritual if you do the work.
- He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

5 Let There Be No Strife, For We Are Brothers

Genesis 13:7–8

- Something that we might not even go so far as to say is sinful conduct, but there is friction between us. We need to iron these things out.
- Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsman and your herdsman. For we are brothers.
- These things don't come about by taking our Bibles and rubbing up against them. You've got to work on your attitudes.
- And if there is strife between us, we have to find a way to work it out.

THE CHALLENGE

Resolve. Fix. Repair. That is what brothers do.

MY NOTES