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## **Each One! Bless One! You Make a Difference!**

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**“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.”**

**MATTHEW 5:23-25** (King James Version)

**Avoid The Deadly Fang Of Unforgiveness.** Unforgiveness is described in the Bible as an enigma that is capable of destroying not only one’s offering, it can even destroy the person. The Lord paints a picture of how unforgiveness can lead to rejection of your offering. He said, The offering is unacceptable for as long as you still nurse a grudge against your brother or sister. It is better to keep your offering aside and first reconcile with your adversary quickly.

Note the word “quickly.” This is an emphasis. See **Ephesians 4:26-27:** **“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:**

**Neither give place to the devil.”** It is therefore a cankerworm that can easily expose you to satanic attack.

**Matthew 18:21-35:** “21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.”

**Matthew 5:26: “Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.”**

Secondly, the Lord said, **“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” Mark 11:25. (NIV)**

This simply means unforgiveness can hinder prayer. In **1 Peter 3:7: Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**”, the Bible specifically admonish husbands to be considerate as they live with their wives and respect them so that their prayers will not be hindered. Wounds emanating from relationship heal fast when you are willing to initiate reconciliation. If you fail to choose forgiveness, it means you’ll be blaming someone else and you’ll be living in pain and anger. **“Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9.**

This is easily achievable when we realize that we are yoke fellows in Christ. The same blood redeemed us to one heavenly FATHER; we have one LORD, and our redemption is sealed by one HOLY SPIRIT. Finally, we are going to the same heaven!

We are given the ministry of reconciliation having been reconciled to Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:18: “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”** Furthermore, it must be realized that in this kingdom, there is no gender as in male or female, slave or free born, Jews or Greek (Gentile). **Galatians 3:26-28: “26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been**

**baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

Note verse 28. The Bible describes people only by family, tribe or nation never by color which is mere skin pigmentation. As far as God is concerned, we are to reconcile all people back to the Father through the gospel preaching. **Mark 16:15: “15And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”** This can only be possible when God’s people see themselves as brethren bonded together by the love of Christ.

Then, the spouse, brother or sister etc. will be willing to settle their differences by the compelling love of Christ which surpasses all other considerations be it emotional imbalance, hurts, bitterness, or grievance emanating from our relationships.

**“Blessed are you when people (believers or unbelievers, your spouse, parents, brethren, colleagues, friends or enemy) insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.” Matthew 5:11.**

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