

Diagnosing A Healthy Life Luke 17:1-10

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Checking for Signs of Life

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1. Are We Stumbling Blocks? (v. 1-3a)

- The 'little ones' are those on the bottom rung of society.
- The word 'sin' comes from the Greek 'skandalon'
- Woe to anyone who prevents little ones from entering the Kingdom of God.



**We are called to scandalous,
non-judgemental love.**

2. Are We Characterized by Forgiveness? (v. 3-4)

- Here, the word 'sin' has the traditional meaning.
- This teaching is in the context of close relationships with our brothers and sisters.
- We are designed to be interdependently connected with other people.
- In these kinds of relationships, it is appropriate to rebuke one another.

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.

Galatians 6:1

- Follow the pattern of Matthew 18.
- Find people who are willing to poke their noses into your life.
- The word ‘repent’ is more than an apology, it is a desire for real change.
- Sin must be rebuked and forgiven.

3. Are We Humbly Dependent on God? (v. 5-6)

- Faith is a covenantal term – it’s having faith in God and keeping faith with God.
- The disciples say to Jesus, “Increase our faith in You and increase our faithfulness.”
- Jesus says to the disciples, “If you maintain that kind of humble, dependent attitude, you will accomplish incredible things.”

Where and how does your faith come into play?

4. Are We Serving With No Strings Attached? (v. 7-10)

- Eating together is a sign of equality.
 - We should not serve (live our Christian lives) with a desire to impress God or people.
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**Don’t love to impress others.
Don’t love to become a child of God.
Love because you *are* a child of God
and that’s what children of God do.**

Things to Think About:

Are there ways in which you might be a stumbling block for others who are trying to enter the Kingdom?

Who are some of the ‘little ones’ in your world? How do you relate to them? What can you do to help them enter the Kingdom?

Are there people in your life that will rebuke you when necessary? If not, what are you going to do about it?

Who do you need to forgive? What needs to happen in order for that to take place?

In what ways and in what situations does your faith come into play?

Have you asked God to increase your faith?

When you serve others do you secretly hope for a reward of some kind?

After answering the four questions from Luke 17, what’s your spiritual diagnosis? Any follow-up treatment required?
