



HOW TO FIGHT LIKE A CHRISTIAN – PART 1
LUKE 17:1-10 (ESV)

1 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin (stumbling blocks) 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 (stumble). 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."

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRISTIAN RECONCILIATION: RELATIONSHIP, TRUTH, LOVE

HOW TO REBUKE TO THE GLORY OF GOD – SEVEN PRINCIPLES

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

15 "If your brother (a fellow believer) sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. (Matthew 18:15)

- PRINCIPLE #1 – IT'S YOUR MOVE

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- PRINCIPLE #2 – REBUKE WHERE YOU ARE RELATIONALLY INVESTED (BROTHER TO BROTHER)

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- PRINCIPLE #3 – DEMONSTRATE DISCRETION (ONE ON ONE, FACE TO FACE)

"Talk to people, not about them" (Mark Jeschke)

Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down. (Proverbs 26:20)

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- PRINCIPLE #4 – CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES

Whoever meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears (Proverbs 26:17)

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense. (Proverbs 19:11)

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- PRINCIPLE #5 – RESIST SUPERIORITY

Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. (Proverbs 13:10)

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord (Proverbs 16:2)

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- PRINCIPLE #6 - REBUKE FOR RESTORATION, NOT RETRIBUTION

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)

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- PRINCIPLE #7 – BE COURAGEOUS

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot[a] love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:18)

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*23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from the donkey and fell **before David on her face and bowed to the ground**. 24 She fell at his feet and said, "**On me alone, my lord, be the guilt**. Please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. 25 Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I your servant did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. 26 Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, because the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from saving with your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be as Nabal. 27 And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 **Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live**. 29 If men rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living in the care of the Lord your God. And the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. 30 **And when the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince over Israel, 31 my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for my lord working salvation himself**. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant."*

*32 And David said to Abigail, "**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from working salvation with my own hand!** 34 For as surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there had not been left to Nabal so much as one male."*