

Plenary Topic: "Biblical Essentials for Family Unity/Reconciliation"

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Text: Romans 12:9-21

Overview:

1. Live for Christ with a clear _____. Acts 24:16

2. Make continued progress on the disciplinemaker's _____. II Tim 3:10-17

3. Check and ask others to evaluate your _____. James 3:13

4. Listen well with fervent _____. James 1:19

5. Always season your conversation with _____. Col. 4:6

6. When relationships remain stained, remember the principle of _____. Gen. 50:15-20

7. Forgive as Christ forgave with the goal of _____. Col. 3:12-14

Quotes: (Emphasis added)

John Owen: "Our forgiving another will not procure forgiveness for ourselves, *but our not forgiving others proves that we ourselves are not forgiven.*"

C.S. Lewis: "To be a Christian means to *forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.*"

James M. Boice: "By standing before the holy God and seeing ourselves as the sinners we are - vile and yet forgiven through the death of God's Son, we must know that we have been saved solely because of the undeserved mercy of God. *That awareness should humble us so that we simply have no other option but to forgive others and do it from the heart.*"

Pastor Alden: "If you get a Ph.D in anything, _____."

Paul David Tripp: "*Sin makes us glory thieves. There is probably not a day when we do not plot to steal glory that rightfully belongs to the Lord. When we compete with one another for glory, we fail to experience the unity that can only be found when we join together to live for him. At the bottom of a broken marriage, a shattered family, or a forsaken friendship you will always find stolen glory. We crave glory that does not belong to us, and we step on one another to get it. Rather than glorifying God by using the things He has given us to love other people, we use people to get the glory we love. Sin causes us to steal the story and rewrite it with ourselves as the lead, and with our lives at center stage...but the story of Scripture is the story of the Lord's glory. It calls me to an agenda that is bigger than myself. It offers me something truly worth living for. The Redeemer has come so that glory thieves would joyfully live for the glory of Another. There is no deeper personal joy and satisfaction than to live committed to His glory. It is what we truly need...This is the work of the kingdom of God; people in the hands of the Redeemer, daily functioning as His tools of lasting change.*"