The heart is established through Love Luke 17:1-10

Text: Lu 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Rom. 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Ac 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Want to be reputable, well known, recognized, Honored?

Mat.18:1; Mk. 9:33

Ga 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

* Genuine Faith (exercise your faith diligently so that God can add to it.)
* Genuine Love (exercise of your faith to His honor and Glory)

Ro 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

* Genuine Obedience (exercise your faith in His Mercy and His Righteousness in all His Judgments.

1. **We cannot ignore the everyday responsibilities of life.**

17:1 offences will come:

4625. skandalon skandalon, skan'-dal-on

("scandal"a trap-stick(bent sapling) snare(cause of displeasure or sin) occasion to fall (of stumbling), thing that offends, Stumbling block

* We have a responsibility to help those who are stumbling

17:1 woe unto him, through whom they come!

•    of grumbling, complaining, and criticizing.

A stumbling block is anyone who discourages a person from following and serving Christ by...

•    of taking sides against others.

•    of being worldly and materialistic.

•    of craving more and more.

•    of being conceited and prideful.

•    of living loose and immoral lives.

•    of cursing and talking filthy.

•    Word or deed

•    abuse or neglect

•    persecution or injury

•    gossip or slander

•    anger or aggression

**17:3 Take heed to yourselves:**

* We have a responsibility to help them who cause others to stumble
* The most difficult task but the highest responsibility is to help those who are trying to cause you to stumble.
* A Saul of Tarsus to Stephen became an Apostle Paul for many.

1. **There are four laws that help establish the heart**
2. Don’t do anything to cause one to stumble.

(Be a help not a hindrance)

1. Do all you can to convert those that transgress.

“rebuke and forgive”

1. Have Genuine Faith in your own heart.

While others are saying increase our faith you say

Speak to me, show me your way and I will obey.

Luke 17:6 supernatural power over that which is natural

II Thess. 1:11 “Work of faith with power”

John 1:12 “Power to become the son’s of God”

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

(power over the power of sin)

Ro 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

1. Love and Obey with humility
2. **We must keep a proper attitude for Christian Service.**

2 Tim. 2:25 *In* ***meekness*** *instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

Isaiah 53:11—***He shall see of the travail of his soul,*** *and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

2Cor. 7:9—***Now I rejoice****, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.*

Eph 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Ro 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Col 3:22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

1. **Serving the Lord should be a Delight not just a duty**

Ps 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Ro 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man

Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

It is our **Duty** to obey God

**Duty** before greater services

Greater services before reward

Humility before honor

True Worship is when the believer is obedient to God and **Servant to all.**

**Duty-** responsibility, obligation, sense of duty, Job, task,

Chore, what we have to do.

Like making a payment you have to pay what is due before you can pay ahead.

**All our Service- must be willingly**

Pr 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Pr 18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

1Co 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

* God commands perfection; therefore, at the first He expects humility.
* God demands obedience; therefore, at the first He expects dependence.
* God orders Love; therefore, at the first He requires faith
  + It takes faith for the Impossible
  + It takes faith for the Difficult
  + It takes faith for the Simple
  + The very smallest works can’t go by without faith

God gives special attention to weak faith,

* Weak faith requires immediate attention
* Strong faith can handle the test of time.
* Perfect faith is being as He is in this world.

1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

2 Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Am 5:15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Ro 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

2Pe 1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.