

# What to Do with Offenses Between Brothers

hysical families know about the pain of internal conflict. Families are required to love each family member and grow through offenses. The same should be true of a spiritual family in a local church. When an offense has occurred among brethren what should we do?

Apply the Golden Rule: "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12). I am surprised at times at the treatment so called brothers and sisters feel justified in dealing out to their brethren. When you are hurt or feel that you have been sinned against the carnal reaction is to hurl abuses or speak evil of a brother. Yet. we have all felt that hurt when one has done the same to us. At that time we have perhaps in amazement thought or said, "I'd never do someone that way." Why then do we feel free to do the same at times? First consider how you want to be treated. Then treat others the way you wish to be treated. Such is living out all the principles detailed in the Law and the Prophets about how brothers should treat other people. Poor treatment to you does not allow or excuse your poor treatment to them or other people.

If a brother has sinned against you go to him "If your brother 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). Nothing good is accomplished by telling others your story and enumerating the sins of your brother to others who are not involved. Go to him. Seek to win him back. Gossip, evil speaking, judging hearts and motives is likewise sin. When this occurs there are then two brothers (sisters) in sin who need reproved and returned to the fold. Again

being sinned against does not justify me sinning against them or allow me to sin in some other manner.

If your brother has something against you go take care of the matter. "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering" (Matt. 5:23-24). If you know there is a problem with a brother take the initiative to fix the problem. Such even takes priority over worship. Because worship offered by one with a divided heart or a heart harboring ill will toward a brother is unacceptable to the Father. Swallow your pride and humbly seek forgiveness. Don't assume that it will do no good before you try. Even if you have tried before, try again. On the other hand if you have something against a brother and he knows nothing of the matter don't expect him to come seeking to make things right. First apply the first two points of this article.

Let love hide it. "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). If the matter has been discussed—forgive. If it is a matter of your own selfishness or pride—forgive. If you have discussed a matter of opinion and the two of you have different respectable conclusions—love and don't allow bitterness to separate brothers. May God's love hide my sin in His grace and mercy even when I have not yet grown to understand or been keen enough to realize my sin and ask His forgiveness. Love your brother and do the same.

Dannon

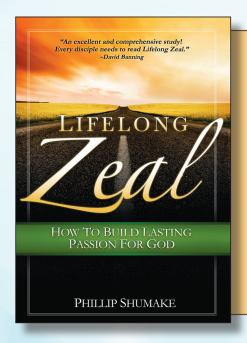




THIS WIZEK begin a conversation with 1 soul each day for 5 days.

Tell them about the Big Picture presentation. Askif they would like to see/hear it. If 20 of us will do it that is 100 souls.

Askthem to Come and See by inviding them to visit



CLASS BEGINS THIS WEEK ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>



**READ THE BOOK!** 



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN LESSON 1



COMMIT YOURSELF TO BULDING A LASTING PASSON FOR GOD!





# Continue to Pray for....

# Shut In Members: Mariorie Dodge

Marjorie Dodge Grace Singleton

# Friends & Family:

Beatrice Buchanan Stewart Dodge Eric Foushee Kay Gegenheimer Ray Gilbert Wilma Hudson Jan King Anne Loughmiller Joyce Manning Jerry Maudlin Stacie Rothrock Allison Unruh

# **Philippine Evangelists:**

Leonido Balballoza Vicente Cay Edwin de Pedro David N. Varona

# **Evangelism Efforts:**

Keep praying for Scott Mitchell and others who are planting God's word. Pray that the seed will fall on honest and good hearts.

Please tell Shannon of Additons or Changes for this List

## DON & LOU'S GREAT-GRANDAUGHTER...

Little Esme was taken off the ventilator and her parents FINALLY got to hold her!

Continue prayers for Esme as they are still watching her closely as she grows and improves.

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#### **SCOTT MITCHELL...**

...continues to preach and teach at El Bethel in Crawford County. Pray that all continues to go well and that honest and good hearts will respond to the word of God. A **SINGING** is scheduled there for **August 11**th. Put it on your calendar and plan to come!



# **THIS WEEK**

<b>Barker</b> July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Dowling</b> July 9 <sup>h</sup>	Loughmiller July 16th	Mitchell July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scott July 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stout</b> August 6 <sup>th</sup>
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

# July Servants

## **Building Cleaning & Communion:**

Farmer & Mitchell

# **Benevolence Organizers:**

Mitchell & Schoenbaechler



# JULY

- 1 Doris Woolbright
- 2 Nick Loughmiller
- 8 Carla Loughmiller
- 9 Daryn Barker
- 9 Ashlyn Barker
- 13 Keith & Ann Keehn ANN.
- 13 Scott & Tina Mitchell
- 14 Jeff & Christina Farmer
- ANN.
- 14 Ryan Woolbright
- 25 Lina Woolbright
- 25 Luke & Sarah Dooley ANN.
- 28 Shannon & Dana Shaffer

ANN. ANN. 31 - Dale & Denise Woolbright

ANNIVERSARIES





## THIS WEEK

# Sunday Morning (07/23)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright 1st Prayer: Mike Loughmiller Song Leader: Donny Sieg Lord's Table: TBA (Lead) Don Sieg, S. Miller, D. Culver Sermon: Shannon Shaffer Closing Prayer: Keith Keehn

# **Sunday PM (07/23)**

Announcements: Dale Woolbright 1st Prayer: Seth Shaffer Song Leader: Jeff Farmer

Lord's Table: TBA (Lead) Don Sieg

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer Closing Prayer: Jim Hudson

# Wednesday (07/26)

**Announcements:** Tim Maudlin

1st Prayer: Luke Dooley

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

**Invitation:** Kyle Dowling Closing Prayer: Daryn Barker

#### Sunday Morning (07/30)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Kyle Dowling

Song Leader: Dale Woolbright Lord's Table: Randy Scott (Lead)

D. Barker, M. Stout, J. Hudson Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Don Sieg

# **Sunday PM (07/30)**

Announcements: Bill Buchanan 1st Prayer: Gus Schoenbaechler

Song Leader: Various

Lord's Table: Randy Scott (Lead)

D. Barker

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer Closing Prayer: Keith Keehn

#### **Wednesday (08/02)**

Announcements: Ryan Woolbright 1st Prayer: Benny Loughmiller Song Leader: Dylan Culver Invitation: Shanon Miller **Closing Prayer:** Michael Stout

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Sunday

Worship: 9:00 AM Bible Classes: 10:00 AM Worship: 3:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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