

HOW TO WIN A BROTHER OVER

Based on the command of Christ #30 – “Go to your offender”

This is based on Jesus’ command to go to those who have offended you and do it the right way with the right motive!

Matthew 18:15 - "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

Psalms 55:12-14

12. If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him.

13. But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend,

14. with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God.

I. Mandate for Reconciliation

II. Test of Spirituality

Galatians 6:1 - Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

Spirit of meekness = Knowing the truth about how I really am when no one else is around.

III. Steps For Reconciliation:

Step One: Remember that “in going”, the goal is not to rehearse the offense, but to restore the offender to fellowship with you and the Body of Christ.

Step Two: Ask “is there anything that I have done to offend you?”

They will more than likely take this opportunity to unload and tell you every horrible thing you have ever done.

Be careful not to get into reaction.

Remember that going to an offender in pride will set off a reaction...

But going Privately in humility will set up restoration.

For clarity, repeat back to them what they say the offense is.

Explain your perspective and true motives.

Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

After you listen to what they have to say,

Explain from your side of the table what you did and your motive, not justifying yourself.

Remember that truth is not justification.

The important thing is for them to be restored to the Body of Christ.

Step Three: Matthew 18:16 - But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that `every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

Step Four: Matthew 18:17 - If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

IV. Healing Your Wounds

Proverbs 27:6 - "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."

V. Discover Your Motives

Romans 12:21 says, "Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good."

VI. Ministry of Reconciliation

II Corinthians 5:18-19

18. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19. that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

