

Prescription for Life Luke 17

FORGIVENESS, FAITH AND THE FUTURE

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study February 11, 2015

Announcements

- 1. Ash Wednesday service next week, noon. All are invited and welcome!
- 2. Fellowships on Feb. 25
- 3. Austin CROP Walk, Mar. 1. See Laura Hargrave or Sue Roberts
- 4. PW Retreat at Mo Ranch, Mar. 20-22. All are invited and welcome! See Cheryl Banks.



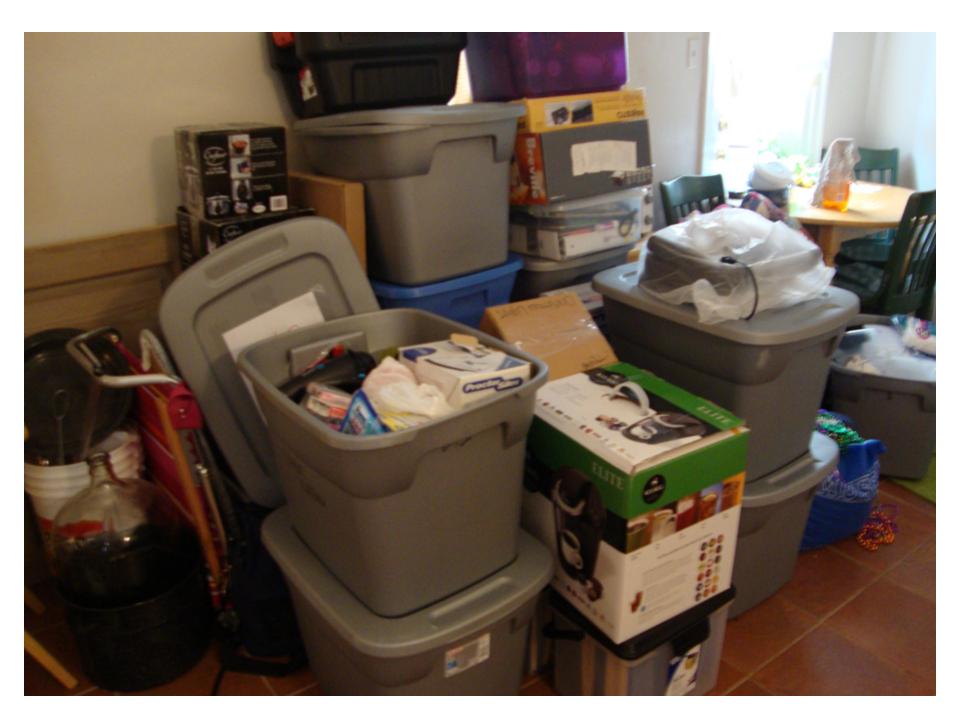
Small Things

"We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love."

"Do the thing in front of you."

--Mother Teresa





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1. Forgiveness Luke 17:1-10

2. Faith Luke 17:11-19

3. The Future Luke 17:20-37



Essentials of the Christian life:

forgiveness, faith, faithfulness, thankfulness and preparedness

...and humility



Responsibilities of the Christian:

watch ourselves

rebuke

forgive

"Lord, increase our faith!"



Mustard seed faith—small, alive, growing, producing fruit

"It is not the size of our faith that matters; it is the size of our God that matters!"



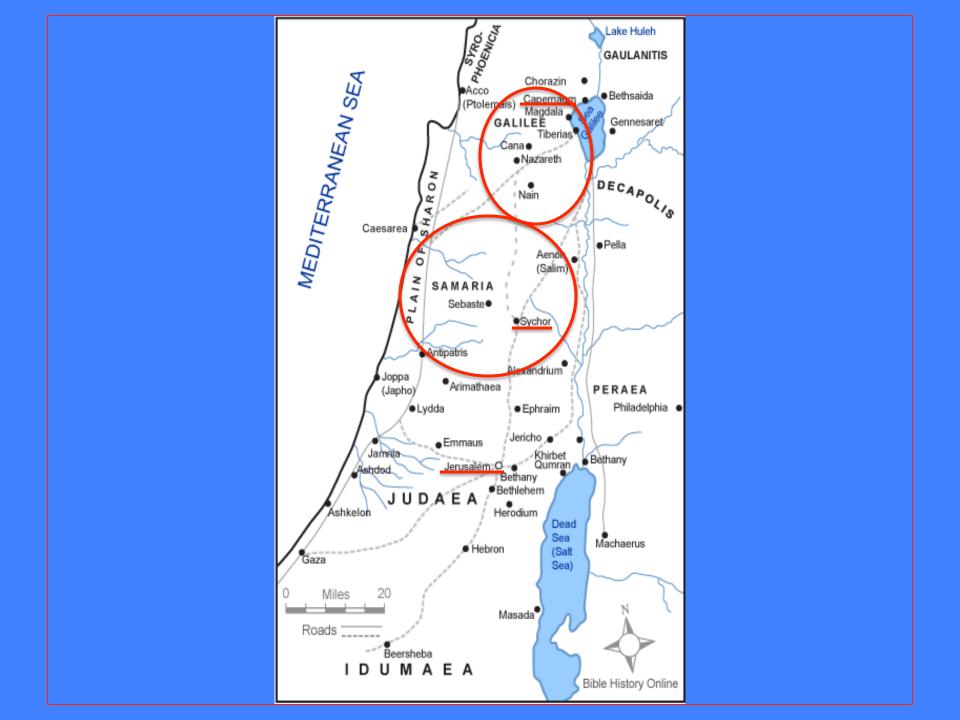
Service to the Lord Jesus Christ is a joy and delight (not drudgery and a duty)—service is it's own reward because we get to be in the presence of the Master.



What's your "forgiveness quotient"?

(the degree or amount of a specified quality or characteristic)





Faith—Luke 17:11-19

- 10 "dead men walking"—9 Jews, 1 Samaritan stood at a distance; shouted
- Jesus—didn't touch; didn't heal immediately; gave them a command
- Healing came as they moved their feet in obedience!



Faith—Luke 17:11-19

What's your "gratitude quotient?"

(the degree or amount of a specified quality or characteristic)



1st coming—in weakness and humility, to suffer and die

2nd coming—in power and glory, to judge and reign

The mysterious "now and not yet" of the Kingdom

- Escatology—Greek. "end" and "study". The study of end things
- Apocalypse—Greek. "revelations"
- Pre-millennialism
- A-millennialism
- Post-millennialism
- Pan-millennialism



To the Pharisees:

"When will the Kingdom of God come?" timeline, signs, predictability

"The Kingdom of God is within you." also: "within, among, in the midst of"

To His Disciples:

- Don't be seduced by "prophecy experts."
- You won't miss the 2nd coming
- Will come suddenly and affect the whole world
- Life will go on "as normal" and people will be caught unaware and unprepared.
- One will be taken and one will be left behind.
- No time to change your mind. Either/or_

The only way to save your life is to lose it for the sake of Jesus Christ.



What's your "preparedness quotient?"

