

PARABLES—Section 3, Part 12

Luke 17:1-10

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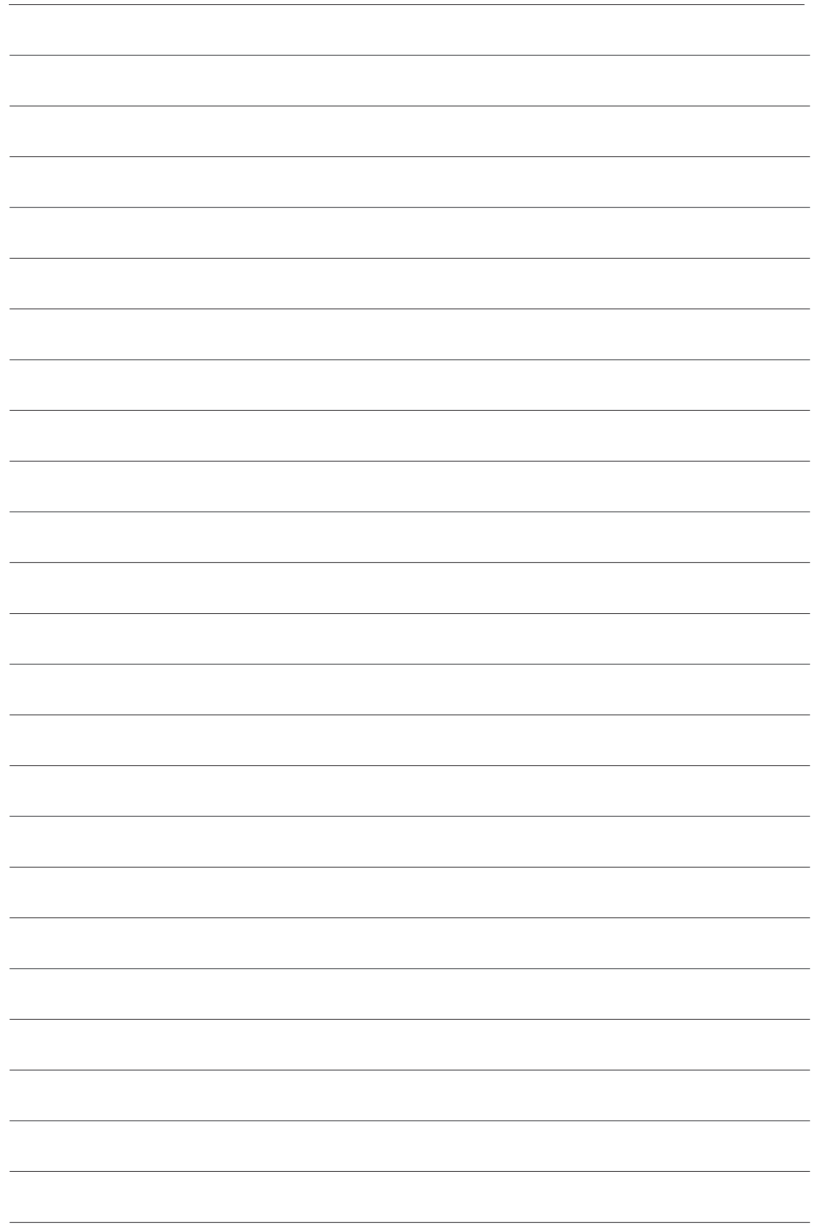
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QUOTE

"Certainly no one in any Middle Eastern audience could imagine any servant expecting special honor after fulfilling his duty. The master is not indebted to him for having plowed the field or guarded the sheep. We're not even dealing with harsh hours imposed by an unfeeling master, but rather the normal expectation of a relatively short day's chores." ~Kenneth Bailey

1. 17:3 Jesus frequently warned of the deadly influence of false teaching (Matthew 23:15).
2. 17:3 Pride is the dominant sin behind all other sins (Proverbs 16:5). It is the core of selfishness.
3. 17:3 We have to unlearn selfishness, to be taught how to put others first. Jesus spent a lot of time teaching and emphasizing humility and servanthood (Philippians 2).
4. Trademarks of Biblical humility:
 - 17:1-2 Restraint from offense—Humble people do not demand to have their own way.
 - 17:3-4 Quick to forgive—Humble people are merciful and gracious, again and again.
5. 17:5-6 If you have just a small amount of faith and exercise it, you have enough faith to have a powerful life.
6. 17:5-6 Entrust yourself to the power of God, and He will work through you (John 14:13; Ephesians 3:20, 6:10).
7. 17:7-9 Jesus' audience knew that everyone understood the arrangement. A servant does his duty. No master was going to tell the employee he did not have to do his complete day of work.
8. 17:10 In the Bible, a "doulos" (servant) was often used as an illustration of the relationship between a believer and Jesus. We are bound to Him.
9. 17:10 Humble followers of Jesus know that God is not in debt to us. We are living under amazing grace.
 - Are we humble enough to forgive quickly those who sin against us, no matter how many times?
 - Are we humble enough to be aware of our own weaknesses?
 - Are we humble enough to recognize that even our best efforts fall short?
 - Are we humble enough to realize we are unworthy servants who have only done what we ought to have done?



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