

Seven Essentials for Life in the Church

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Text: Matthew 18

Introduction

This is the fourth of the five teaching sections—the Matthew discourses. We can see this as we look at 19:1 and its parallels, thus it provides our beginning point.

Seven Essentials

v. 1, importance of humility, absolutely essential

v. 5, importance of receiving one another

v. 6, importance of not causing any brother/sister to sin

v. 7, importance of not causing yourself to sin

v. 10, importance of every believer, every member in congregation.

- Every believer has angels in the presence of God.
- Note: Look at Jesus' illustration

v. 15, importance of our relationships one with another in the church

- Another way of saying how important every person is in the church
- The process suggested here is focused on the importance of people/relationships—involve as many people as necessary to restore the relationship.
- In the context of this paragraph, v. 18-20, applies to the church and the disciplinary action

v. 21ff, absolute importance of forgiveness