

Good Grief

Part Three - Grievances

It is good to settle our grievances.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

John 8:31 (NLT)

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings."

Five Steps to Settling Grievances:

Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. 16 But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. 17 If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector."

- 1. Seek to resolve your grievances.**
- 2. Meet with the person who has offended you and work towards a resolution.**
- 3. Bring a trusted third party into the effort.**
- 4. Get pastoral input.**
- 5. Create the proper boundaries.**

It is good to settle our grievance with God.

Isaiah 1:18 (NIV)

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

1 Corinthians 12:12, 21 (NLT)

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 21 The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."