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Right Heart, Right Motive

Week : Devotionals 11-15

Day 12: Self-Preservation

1) Read the following verses, and in your journal, jot down what they say to you about judging and blaming others.

- Matthew 7:1-5: We should do unto others what we would want others to do unto us when we fall short - forgive us. When it comes to judging others we must first make sure we are free from sin, especially the sin(s) we are criticizing another for committing. Even when God helps us become free from a particular sin, we should still be forgiving and not judge other people.
- Matthew 5:21-26: Jesus cares about the posture of our hearts. God is love and He requires us to love one another. It is impossible to love another if we have offense toward them. Jesus instructs us to resolve the offense we have with another person so we are not judged and condemned.
- Luke 6:36-37: We are to do to others what we would want others to do unto us - forgive. When we do so we ensure that Jesus will forgive us abundantly as we have forgiven others.
- Romans 2:1-2: The judgment, criticism, and offense we have toward others is actually pointed toward us and we condemn ourselves.

- Romans 12:17-21: We usually view those who offend us as our enemies. They are not. And even if they were we should not repay them for their evil. Instead we should bless them and treat them as friends. We should also forgive them as Christ has forgiven us.
- Romans 14:10-13: We should not judge or hold offense or grudges towards others. We all will be judged and have to give an account before God for the things we have done. No one is any better than his brother or sister. Judging and holding offense in our hearts is sin for which we will have to give an account.
- James 4:11-12: When we speak evil of someone else we are judging the law and in doing so we judge the Lawgiver - God Himself. Trying to play God is wrong for He alone is holy and is the only one who can judge.