

# “REPAIR BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS”

Series: “Living Free,” part 4 of 6  
Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 5:00 pm and  
Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

**Big Idea:** Living free requires the willingness to make amends wherever possible, except when to do so would injure the other person.

**Text:** Matthew 5:23-24

**Bullet:** We are most like beasts when we kill. We’re most like man when we retaliate. We’re most like God when we forgive.

## WHO IS TO MAKE AMENDS?

Matthew 5:23

Therefore, if you ...remember ....

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled. {NASV}

Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Proverbs 14:9

Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

## WHY SHOULD WE MAKE AMENDS?

1. It \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ to worship God.
3. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a transformed life.

1 Peter 2:12

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation. {NASV}

4. Making amends enables the offended person to \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 12:18

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

## HOW ARE WE TO MAKE AMENDS?

### 1. With \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Romans 12:19-21

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### 2. By \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 21:18-19

If men quarrel and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and he does not die but is confined to bed, the one who struck the blow will not be held responsible if the other gets up and walks around outside with his staff; however, he must pay the injured man for the loss of his time and see that he is completely healed.

Exodus 21:33-34

If a man uncovers a pit or digs one and fails to cover it and an ox or a donkey falls into it, the owner of the pit must pay for the loss; he must pay its owner, and the dead animal will be his.

Exodus 22:1

If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

Ephesians 4:32

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