

***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**Luke 17:1-10**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. What, if any, is the difference between “influencing someone to sin” and “causing someone to stumble”?**

If someone is tempting someone to do something wrong, they are influencing that person to choose to sin knowingly. If someone is causing someone to stumble, they are using deception to trick the person into doing something harmful to themselves and/or others unknowingly. In the first instance, the person knowingly chooses to sin when tempted. In the second instance, the person is an unknowing victim of a sinner. Those who influence others to sin and those who cause people to stumble are equally in danger of suffering woeful punishment from God.

**2, How serious is it in the eyes of God when someone defrauds another person of money by deceiving them in some way?**

So serious in the eyes of God that “it would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck.” It is worse than the deceiver’s physical death.

**3. What are some of the possible benefits from rebuking someone?**

They may repent and make restitution. They may repent and restore a relationship. They might be able to explain a misunderstanding or error in judgment. Forgiveness can follow repentance. They may be given new opportunities to learn and do what is right.

**4. What are some ways believers in Christ can increase their faith?**

By prayer, Bible study, worship, repentance, forgiving others, depending on God, obeying Jesus Christ in everything.

**5. From your study of this Bible lesson, what new truths did you learn and how can you apply them in the days ahead?**

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