

## A Healthy Church Keeps Short Accounts

*Matthew 18:15-20 / p. 844*

1. Short accounts help prevent hatred – Proverbs 10:12

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2. Short accounts help us deal with offenses – Matthew 18:15-20 / p. 844

3. Short accounts help us stay in fellowship with God – 2 Corinthians 5:10

- 2 Corinthians 5:10 - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

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# At Home Study Guide

For the week of October 20, 2019

*Are you healthy? What does it look like to be healthy? In this series we want to ask the same questions of our church. What does a healthy church look like? As we answer this question through this series, think about how you can contribute to the health of Bethel Church through Loving God, Loving Others, and Serving the World.*

1. Read James 4:1-3. Conflicts and difficulties in relationships start in our heart. When do your own desires cause conflict with others?
2. Read Proverbs 19:11. How is overlooking an offense the first step in keeping short accounts? How do you determine what to overlook?
3. Confrontation is difficult. Matthew 7:3-5 gives good insight. Discuss what you should do first and why.
4. Matthew 18:15-17 describes how you should approach someone in a conflict. When was the last time you approached another about a sin? How can you honor God in that process?

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