

## John Kozlowski

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**From:** John Kozlowski <John@Kozlowski.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 6:46 PM  
**To:** 'Jim Cross'  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking understanding about payments

Mr. Cross,

Thank you for the gracious tone of your email.

The bank reconcile is only half the story. When a bank finds that there is an error and you owe them funds, they have the option of writing it off. This is something the bank can do, but the customer cannot. In a sense the bank substitutes some of their money to make up for your deficit.

I suggest this is closer to the model in Scripture, one party puts in something of theirs to make up for the other party. The "apokatalassō" version of reconcile is where the Lord, and the Lord alone, substitutes Himself for our deficit or the wrath due us. The "diallassō" version of reconcile is something you and I can do, but we both must make up for the deficit of the other. This is all summarized in grace.

The example in Mat 5:24 "*leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be **reconciled** ("diallassō") to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*" shows the need for reconciliation to take place, and with haste. It is a higher priority than the institution or waiting for another Sunday to pass. I suggest this is the model we both must follow, not in 4+ years, but now.

Do you find my exposition correct? Do you see any place in Scripture where one party can put up prerequisites before reconciliation can take place?

There are numerous other points to address, but if we don't have the same reference we are seeking different goals. My goal is reconciliation with you, with my wife, and with my kids.

This should not be done with carefully chosen words in an email, but direct dialog, and the phone is our practical option. Are you willing to try a call again? We must remember it will not be smooth, but grace can cover that. Are you willing?

Respectfully,

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Ecclesiastes 12:13

**From:** jimcross45@gmail.com [mailto:jimcross45@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Jim Cross  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** John Kozlowski  
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I'll start with the question of reconciliation.

When I sit down to reconcile my bank accounts, I am seeking to make sure that the evidence I have of what I have in the bank agrees with the evidence the bank is using to determine the amount they believe is in the account. I might not like the amount that I have in the account, but all I'm trying to do is make sure we agree on what the true amount is.

Let's look at my relationship with you by using my reconciliation with the bank as a model.

Our relationship was broken on the day I showed up at your home with a moving van and a letter of intent. That letter indicated that although I was taking responsibility for the financial care of your family, I would welcome you to take that responsibility back if you chose to do so.

Recently, I let you know that the starting point of reconciliation between you and me would be your willingness to take up that mantle. I did make it clear that I could not promise that you would "get your family back." You indicated that you would like to see a budget for the family. I asked DJ to provide that, and she did provide a skeleton of that, but not a budget. I then sent that document to you.

Your response was to dispute most of what she was doing for her children. Very close to the end of the video you make it clear that you were not interested in providing in a way that DJ is presently providing for them. You clearly have the freedom to make that choice.

She has the freedom not to try to get you to participate in their financial needs, and I hope she will no longer do so.

I don't know much about what you have offered to do for your children, nor do I know what you have done. I do know there was an offer of \$200 for George. I believe you said he could have those dollars for conversing with you on the phone. If or when he has or will hear that, I don't know. His emotional care belongs to his mama, not me. I offered some thoughts (not advice), and I have no idea how she has chosen to act.

I along with DJ am responsible for his financial needs. I would prefer that not be the case. All my other grandchildren are provided for by their dad and mama, and I'm not involved in any way. That, I'm pretty sure is the model that is portrayed in Scripture. But, I'm willing to do my part as needed in the Kozlowski home.

I know you said it was agreed that you could send money to Jack through DJ's PayPal. I didn't know that agreement was made. I haven't spoken with DJ about that since receiving this email, but nonetheless, please deal directly with Jack on any financial issues. DJ has her plate full without that distraction. You two men surely don't need her help.

One last thought regarding my desire to reconcile with you. It is real. But, the trigger point for that reconciliation would be your choice to take over their financial care in a way that would reflect the Lord's care of his own. He is generous. He loves caring for His own. He always makes the right decision as to how much is enough and how much is too little or too much.

You nor I can be trusted to do that perfectly, but I must say that if you think that your way of life is better for them than what their mama is providing I am totally convinced you are wrong on that issue. Hers is a very modest lifestyle, but they live quite normally (i.e. George is going out for baseball at his school, so she is checking out thrift stores and Craigslist to find him an excellent but less expensive glove than he would buy in a sporting goods store).

That's the end, John. I hope it adds a little clarity for you because it has been a huge investment for me to give this lengthy response on this day.

I care about you and your welfare, but I'm not responsible for it. I am responsible for your children and their mother.

Jim

On Mon, Jan 30, 2017 at 12:35 PM, John Kozlowski <[John@kozlowski.org](mailto:John@kozlowski.org)> wrote:

Mr. Cross,

Obviously I remain without clarity of what is expected.

When I offer funds to my kids directly, such as in June and for George this month, the response is silence. Do my kids know of the offers?

When I attempt to be supportive of Gloria-Jane and Zadok, as you suggested in August, again the response is silence. Do they know I offered?

When I send funds to Jack, as we agreed to do through Dorothy-Jane's PayPal, it is rejected two weeks after it was sent. Did no one know it was there all this time?

The suggestion is that I must blindly send more without specifics in order to be "loving". Is this accurate?

You simply claim that I am doing the wrong thing but as of yet have not made it clear what the right thing is, except send more.

I am pursuing reconciliation with my wife, my children, and you. You have agreed that that is the Lord's command but stated you refuse to communicate with me. Would you help me understand how that is consistent?

Does my wife know that I am pursuing reconciliation? Does she agree that that is the call of the Lord?

Do my kids know that I am pursuing reconciliation? Do they get my communications to them?

I have offered Scripture reference and exposition but you have responded that I have twisted it but do not offer evidence. Would you please consider doing so rather than hiding behind an “I never listen” sentiment? I cannot listen to what is not spoken.

Respectfully,

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