

3. In conflict, it is essential to SEE, OWN and FIX my own sins FIRST.

This requires HUMILITY.

What might be my sins?

- Sinful THOUGHTS or FEELINGS
- Sins of COMMISSION:
DOING what God commands us NOT TO DO
- Sins of OMISSION:
NOT DOING what God commands us TO DO

How can I see my sins?

- Turn to GOD and HIS WORD
- Turn to HONEST, OBJECTIVE FRIENDS

Once I admit to myself I've sinned, confessing my fault to the person I wronged is how I fully own and correct my sin in conflict.

4. In conflict, once I have dealt with MY OWN SINS, I have a responsibility to GENTLY HELP others see THEIR SINS.

NEXT WEEK . . .



WAGING PEACE

Getting Real About Your Own Part in Conflict

Matthew 7:1-5

Sunday, July 15, 2018

We continue our exploration of Biblical principles for "Waging Peace" with this practical principle of owning our own part in conflict, which Jesus so clearly teaches in Matthew 7:2-5. So let's notice 4 things Jesus teaches here . . .

1. In conflict, it is natural and automatic to focus on the sins of OTHERS, but not MY OWN.

- Two Biblical examples . . .

- We UNCONSCIOUSLY employ many strategies to AVOID our sin.

2. In conflict, when I fail to see my own sins, it DISTORTS my PERSPECTIVE so that I don't see the sins of others CLEARLY.

- My lack of self awareness causes me to EXAGGERATE the sins of others.

- It's HYPOCRITICAL to try to correct sins of others, when I fail to see my own.