

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Hypocritical People

hupokrites (hoop-ok-ree-tace'); an actor; stage-player, one who hides behind a mask

You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

-Matthew 15:7-8 (NLT)

THE WAY TO HEALTHY CONFRONTATION

1. **GOD, HELP ME CONFRONT WITH THE GOAL OF _____.**

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should GENTLY and HUMBLY help that person back onto the right path.

-Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

-James 5:19-20 (NLT)

2. **GOD, HELP ME CONFRONT WITH _____.**

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should GENTLY and HUMBLY help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

-Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.

-1 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT)

3. **GOD, HELP ME SEE WHEN I'M THE _____.**

And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, "Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye," when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

-Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)

David was furious. "As surely as the Lord lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man!"

-2 Samuel 12:5-7 (NLT)

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Restore me to the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

-Psalm 51:10, 12 (NLT)