

Winning by Surrendering, part 3: Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye

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¹ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Conflict

Conflict is a difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone’s goals or desires.

We are being called to a ministry of reconciliation.

Biblical Ways to Deal With Conflict

Surrender to Christ. (Col. 3:12-15)

Make every effort to maintain peace. (Eph. 4:3)

Four G’s of peacemaking

1. Glorify God - (1 Cor. 10:31)
2. Get the Log Out of Your Eye. (Matt. 7:1-5)
 - Instead of blaming others for a conflict or resisting correction, we will trust in God’s mercy and take responsibility for our own contribution to conflicts— confessing our sins to those we have wronged, asking God to help us change any attitudes and habits that lead to conflict, and seeking to repair any harm we have caused.

Let us take a stand to remove impediments to reconciliation.

Let us commit to living new lives as peacemakers who are patient, tolerant, forgiving, and loving. (Col. 3:5-14)