

## Christlike Confrontation

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### How Jesus Confronted:

1. Pursue with Relentless Love and Good
2. Be Gentle Not Judgmental
3. Let the Truth Expose and Cleanse
4. Attack the Sin, Not the Person
5. Address the Need, Not the Symptoms
6. Focus More on the Restoration Than the Sin
7. Allow Others to Choose With No Control nor Coercion

## PURSUE WITH RELENTLESS LOVE AND GOOD

*The mission of the Church is to carry on the message and ministry which Jesus Christ started in His earthly ministry. His message and ministry is to be continued in the same spirit and same truth. We don't have the option of changing either.*

### Luke 19:10

**"FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST."**

### 2 Corinthians 5:19

**"TO WIT, THAT GOD WAS IN CHRIST, RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF, NOT IMPUTING THEIR TRESPASSES UNTO THEM; AND HATH COMMITTED UNTO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION."**

### Acts 10:36–38

36 [Peter] **THE WORD WHICH GOD SENT UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 **THAT WORD, I SAY, YE KNOW, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED THROUGHOUT** all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 **HOW GOD ANOINTED JESUS OF NAZARETH WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH POWER: WHO WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD, AND HEALING ALL THAT WERE OPPRESSED OF THE DEVIL; FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM.**

### Matthew 5:44–45

44 But I say unto you, **LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THEM WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU;**

45 **THAT YE MAY BE THE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN: FOR HE MAKETH HIS SUN TO RISE ON THE EVIL AND ON THE GOOD, AND SENDETH RAIN ON THE JUST AND ON THE UNJUST.**

### Matthew 9:1-8

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **SON, BE OF GOOD CHEER; THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE.**

**Luke 9:54–56**

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, **LORD, WILT THOU THAT WE COMMAND FIRE TO COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND CONSUME THEM, EVEN AS ELIAS DID?**

55 But he turned, and **REBUKED THEM, AND SAID, YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF.**

56 **FOR THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. AND THEY WENT TO ANOTHER VILLAGE.**

## **BE GENTLE NOT JUDGMENTAL**

*There is a line we can cross when discernment and discrimination turn into criticism and judgment placing ourselves in danger of judgment.*

Matthew 5:7 "*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*"

*"When sinners expected condemnation from Jesus, they got compassion instead."* —Chuck Swindoll

**Luke 6:35–37**

35 **BUT LOVE YE YOUR ENEMIES, AND DO GOOD, AND LEND, HOPING FOR NOTHING AGAIN; AND YOUR REWARD SHALL BE GREAT, AND YE SHALL BE THE CHILDREN OF THE HIGHEST: FOR HE IS KIND (*goodness in action, easy, gracious, pleasant*) UNTO THE UNTHANKFUL AND TO THE EVIL.**

36 **BE YE THEREFORE MERCIFUL, AS YOUR FATHER ALSO IS MERCIFUL.**

37 **JUDGE NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE JUDGED: CONDEMN NOT, AND YE SHALL NOT BE CONDEMNED: FORGIVE, AND YE SHALL BE FORGIVEN:**

**Colossians 2:16 NAS**

**"THEREFORE NO ONE IS TO ACT AS YOUR JUDGE in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day."**

**John 8:10–11**

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE: GO, AND SIN NO MORE.**

**Galatians 6:1**

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **RESTORE SUCH AN ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF MEEKNESS; CONSIDERING THYSELF, LEST THOU ALSO BE TEMPTED.**"

## **LET THE TRUTH EXPOSE, JUDGE AND CLEANSE**

*There is a line we can cross where we are trying to change and "fix" people and circumstances instead of allowing the Word of God to bear the fruit of God's Spirit and life.*

**John 8:3–9**

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, **HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN AMONG YOU, LET HIM FIRST CAST A STONE AT HER.**

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 **AND THEY WHICH HEARD IT, BEING CONVICTED BY THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE, WENT OUT ONE BY ONE,** beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

**Luke 12:13–15**

13 And one of the company said unto him, **MASTER, SPEAK TO MY BROTHER, THAT HE DIVIDE THE INHERITANCE WITH ME.**

14 And he said unto him, **MAN, WHO MADE ME A JUDGE OR A DIVIDER OVER YOU?**

15 And he said unto them, **TAKE HEED, AND BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS: FOR A MAN'S LIFE CONSISTETH NOT IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THE THINGS WHICH HE POSSESSETH.**

**Galatians 2:11–14**

11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, **I WITHSTOOD HIM TO THE FACE, BECAUSE HE WAS TO BE BLAMED.**

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, **IF THOU, BEING A JEW, LIVEST AFTER THE MANNER OF GENTILES, AND NOT AS DO THE JEWS, WHY COMPELLEST THOU THE GENTILES TO LIVE AS DO THE JEWS?**

## **ATTACK THE SIN, NOT THE PERSON**

*Attack the person and you drive them away from not only yourself, but the Truth. Attack the sin and you've set a soul free and gained a friend.*

**Ephesians 4:15**

"But **SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE,** may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

**Matthew 23:13–16**

13 But **WOE UNTO YOU,** scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14 **WOE UNTO YOU,** scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15 **WOE UNTO YOU,** scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16 **WOE UNTO YOU,** ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

**John 3:1–3**

- 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- 2 **THE SAME CAME TO JESUS BY NIGHT**, (see John 12:42-43) and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**ADDRESS THE NEED, NOT THE SYMPTOMS**

*To cut off the symptoms on the surface without removing the root cause is to guarantee a life of habitual bondage to the same sin again and again.*

*Sin needs no deep psychological reason to manifest. But the besetting sins with which we battle continually have a deeper root cause which we need to be delivered from and healed of.*

**John 4:13–18**

- 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, **WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THIS WATER SHALL THIRST AGAIN**:
- 14 **BUT WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST; BUT THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL BE IN HIM A WELL OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE.**
- 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.
- 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
- 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:
- 18 **FOR THOU HAST HAD FIVE HUSBANDS; AND HE WHOM THOU NOW HAST IS NOT THY HUSBAND: IN THAT SAIDST THOU TRULY.**

**FOCUS MORE ON THE RESTORATION THAN THE SIN**

*When we magnify the sin instead of magnifying God's grace and forgiveness, it drives us to the condemnation and hopelessness of a Judas who killed himself.*

**Luke 22:31-34**

- 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **SATAN HATH DESIRED TO HAVE YOU, THAT HE MAY SIFT YOU AS WHEAT**:
- 32 **BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR THEE, THAT THY FAITH FAIL NOT: AND WHEN THOU ART CONVERTED, STRENGTHEN THY BRETHREN.**
- 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.
- 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

## ALLOW OTHERS TO DECIDE WITHOUT CONTROL OR COERCION

*There is a line we can cross from ministering God's Truth to exerting human or fleshly coercion to initiate change. This only produces hypocrisy (play-acting) and resentment, never conviction nor genuine change.*

*The individual must "own" the decision for it to be genuine, life-changing and life-lasting.*

### **Matthew 20:25–28**

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, **YE KNOW THAT THE PRINCES OF THE GENTILES EXERCISE DOMINION OVER THEM, AND THEY THAT ARE GREAT EXERCISE AUTHORITY UPON THEM.**

26 **BUT IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU: BUT WHOSOEVER WILL BE GREAT AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR MINISTER;**

27 **AND WHOSOEVER WILL BE CHIEF AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR SERVANT:**

28 **EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO, BUT TO MINISTER, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.**

### **John 6:60–67**

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, **THIS IS AN HARD SAYING; WHO CAN HEAR IT?**

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 **FROM THAT TIME MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES WENT BACK, AND WALKED NO MORE WITH HIM.**

67 **THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THE TWELVE, WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?**

### **Luke 18:18–25**

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, **YET LACKEST THOU ONE THING: SELL ALL THAT THOU HAST, AND DISTRIBUTE UNTO THE POOR, AND THOU SHALT HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN: AND COME, FOLLOW ME.**

23 **AND WHEN HE HEARD THIS, HE WAS VERY SORROWFUL: FOR HE WAS VERY RICH.**

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.