

Battlegrounds

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Hurt → Offense → Judgment → Bitterness

God calls us to be both truth-tellers and grace-givers.

You can't choose whether you'll be hurt, but you can choose whether you'll be held hostage by it.

Psalm 55

12 If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were rising against me, I could hide. 13 But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, 14 with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshipers.

Offense is the bait of Satan — the longer you hold it, the deeper the hook goes.

Proverbs 19:11

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

Judgment Is – Condemning a person's value, not just evaluating their actions.

Judgment Does- It puts you in God's seat — and when you sit there, you lose His heart.

Matthew 7:

1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

Danger of Judgement:

Feeds Pride

It Blocks Grace

Kills Compassion

It Divides People

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.

Why are we so motivated to point their problem and overlook our own?

What stands out in them is probably something in me that needs to be addressed!

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.

We are to never judge non-Christians.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."

Speak with correction, not judgment.

Matthew 7:5

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.

Help Others with Compassion.

Galatians 6:1

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

Once your vision is clear, correction becomes restoration, not condemnation.

Write down the name of someone you've judged. Confess it to God, then pray daily for their blessing for the next 7 days.

Replace criticism with intercession. When judgmental thoughts rise, pray for their healing, growth, and walk with God.

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