

Confessions:

#1: I don't like a lot of Christians

How Do We Rebuild Trust?

1. Own _____

Hebrews 10:14 *For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

Key: Be honest with yourself about _____

2. Involve others in the _____

Proverbs 27:17 *As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*

a) Be honest with others about _____

James 5:16 *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other...*

b) Give your friends permission _____

3. Pursue personal holiness _____

Matthew 15:1-9 *And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites!*

Principle: My holiness NOT yours should be my _____

*Be harder on _____

Matthew 7:3 *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?*

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*

What you need to let someone help you grow:

Vulnerability: Capable of being wounded, open and unguarded.

Teachability: Anxious to learn. Humble, quick to hear, willing to change, inviting advice.

Honesty: Committed to the truth. Hating anything phony counterfeit, or false. Sincere.

Availability: Accessible. Can be interrupted. Willing to meet on a regular basis.

(Chuck Swindoll)

Galatians 6:1-2 *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

Hypocrisy that Jesus spoke against:

- Giving to the poor to be recognized by others
- Praying in public to be recognized as "God's man"
- Letting everybody know you are fasting to get recognition by others
- Complaining about other's behavior when yours is even worse.
- Pretending to honor God through lip service only
- Testing other people to try to make yourself look superior
- Deceiving people from knowing God
- Repressing the poor and widows
- Teaching proselytes to be hypocrites
- Tithing but neglecting justice and mercy
- Doing everything for show, while really being self-indulgent and unrighteous
- Treating stock animals better than fellow human beings
- Being able to analyze the weather, but unable to distinguish between right and wrong