



Those Hypocritical People

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Introduction:

- Too many hypocrites in church
- Avoid the two extremes

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**

Prayerful Confrontation

1. God, help me confront _____

Brothers and sisters, if a person gets trapped by wrongdoing, those of you who are spiritual should help that person turn away from doing wrong. Do it in a gentle way.

Galatians 6:1 GW

My brothers and sisters, if one of you wanders from the truth, someone can bring that person back. Realize that whoever brings a sinner back from the error of his ways will save him from death, and many sins will be forgiven.

James 5:19-20 GW

2. God, help me confront _____

Brothers and sisters, if a person gets trapped by wrongdoing, those of you who are spiritual should help that person turn away from doing wrong. Do it in a gentle way. At the same time watch yourself so that you also are not tempted...

Galatians 6:1-2 GW

So, people who think they are standing firmly should be careful that they don't fall. **1 Corinthians 10:12 GW**

3. God, help me see _____

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**

God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you. Don't send me away from you. Don't take your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you. Give me a spirit that obeys you so that I will keep going. **Psalms 51:10-12 NIRV**

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

Next Steps:

- Read Matthew 18 this week
- Commit to pray the 3 prayers, especially #___
- I ask God to forgive me for my unloving reactions to hypocritical people
- I ask God to help me to see the "log in my own eye" and to help me remove it
- _____