

# Self-Confrontation

Matthew 7:1-5

Part 2

April 21 ~ July 21

Hobson Auditorium

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Week 13

Interpersonal Problems  
Part 2

# Self-Confrontation (Week 13)

## Love

### 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...

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## Love

**Christlike love is willing self-sacrifice for the redemptive good of another**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

**If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.**

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## Love

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 – Love is...**

**Patient: Long-tempered (with people)**

**Kind: Acting in good will**

**Not jealous: wanting what someone has; or wishing they didn't have it.**

**Does not brag: to boast**

**Not arrogant: conceited**

**Not act unbecomingly: rudely**

**Does not seek its own:**

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## Love

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 – Love is...**

**Not provoked: outburst in anger**

**Not take into account a wrong**

**Rejoices not in unrighteousness**

**Rejoices with the truth: God's word**

**Bears all things: cover, support, protect**

**Believes all things**

**Hopes all things**

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## Love

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 – Love is...**

**Endures all things**

**LOVE NEVER FAILS**

## Restoration is a Family Affair

Matthew 18:15-17

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

1. The one who knows goes.
2. The one plus two/three witnesses.
3. The one plus the church.

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# Get Together...

Consider the following case study:

Don and Jerry are in the same small group at church. 6 months ago, Don was laid off from his job and has not been able to find work since. Jerry, on the other hand has maintained his steady job and even recently received a raise. Both men have shared their employment troubles and successes with the rest of the small group. Over recent weeks, Don has grown increasingly resentful of Jerry because of Jerry's success in light of Don's trouble. Rather than loving Jerry and rejoicing with him over his recent success, Don has become "short" with Jerry and has even started cutting him down to others and talking disrespectfully about Jerry's wife. This is no secret to Jerry. In fact, last week a mutual friend has confronted Don about his ungodly treatment of Jerry. Today, Don asked Jerry to forgive him.

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Think Biblically

**1. Remember that God has promised to care for you in any situation, no matter how unsettled it may seem.**

**Ps 23**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the**

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Think Biblically

**2. Remember that God's forgiveness of you is the basis for you to forgive others**

**Ephesians 4:32**

**Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.**

**Colossians 3:12-14**

**So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.**

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Think Biblically

3. Within every situation in which you find yourself, do not dwell on things that contribute to further sin. Instead, discipline your mind to think on things that please the Lord

**Phil 4:8-9**

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Speak Biblically

- 1. Confess your current sins to the Lord and to those whom you have failed to love in a biblical manner, including the sins of failing to complete your responsibilities. Confess any other remembered sins that you have failed to confess earlier.**

**James 5:16-17**

**Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.**

**1 John 1:9-10**

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Speak Biblically

2. Do not bring up another's sin in an accusing or vengeful manner, either to others, yourself, or to the person who has sinned.

Proverbs 10:18

He who conceals hatred *has* lying lips,  
And he who spreads slander is a fool.

Proverbs 17:9

He who conceals a transgression seeks love,  
But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Speak Biblically

**3. Encourage reconciliation with God and others, following biblical guidelines.**

**Matthew 5:9**

**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."**

**Romans 12:18-19**

**If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

**Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...**

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Act Biblically

- 1. Bless others through tangible and genuine expression of biblical love and service (this includes your daily responsibilities as a family member, student, employer, employee, roommate, etc.)**
  - a. Regardless of how you feel.**
  - b. Especially those who seem to be your enemies or to those against whom you have sinned.**
  - c. With kindness and tenderheartedness for the very individuals with whom you are or have been irritated.**

## Overcoming Interpersonal Problems

### Act Biblically

1. **Bless others through tangible and genuine expression of biblical love and service (this includes your daily responsibilities as a family member, student, employer, employee, roommate, etc.)**
- d. **By taking advantage of opportunities to minister, especially in ways that keep you in a Christlike servant attitude towards others.**
- e. **By practicing biblical stewardship to honor the Lord and to be of practical help to others.**

## Our Standard of Love

**John 13:34-35**

**"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

The second thing to notice in these verses in John 13 is the quality of the love that is to be our standard. We are to love all Christians "as I," Jesus says, "have loved you." Now think of both the quality and the quantity of Jesus' love toward us. Of course, he is infinite and we are finite; he is God, we are men. Since he is infinite, our love can never be like his, it can never be an infinite love.

Nevertheless, the love he exhibited then and exhibits now is to be our standard. We dare have no lesser standard. We are to love all true Christians as Christ has loved us.

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## Our Standard of Love

Now immediately, when we say this, either of two things can happen. We can just say, "I see! I see!" and we can make a little flag and write on it, "We Love All Christians!" You can see us trudging along with little flags – all rolled up – "We Love All Christians!" – and at the appropriate moment, we take off all the rubber bands, unzip the cover, and put it up. We wave it as we carry it along – "We Love All Christians!" How ugly!

It can be either this exceedingly ugly thing, as ugly as anything anyone could imagine, or it can be something as profound as anyone could imagine. And if it is to be the latter, it will take a great deal of time, a great deal of conscious talking and writing about it, a great deal of thinking and praying about it on the part of the Bible-believing Christians.

## Our Standard of Love

The church is to be a loving church in a dying culture. How, then, is the dying culture going to consider us? Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one to another." In the midst of the world, in the midst of our present dying culture, Jesus is the giving a right to the world. Upon this authority he gives the world the right to judge whether you and I are born-again Christians on the basis of our observable love toward all Christians. That's pretty frightening. Jesus turns to the world and says, "I've something to say to you. On the basis of my authority, I give you a right: you may judge whether or not an individual is a Christian on the basis of the love he shows to all Christians."

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In other words, if people come up to us and cast in our teeth the judgment that we are not Christians because we have not shown love toward other Christians, we must understand that they are only exercising a prerogative which Jesus gave them. And we must not get angry. If people say, "You don't love other Christians," we must go home, get down on our knees and ask God whether or not they are right. And if they are, then they have a right to have said what they said.

-Francis Schaeffer, *The Mark of the Christian* (21-23).

## Our Standard of Love

Luke 12:35-38

Be dressed in readiness, and *keep* your lamps lit.

36 "Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks. 37

"Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself *to serve*, and have them recline *at the table*, and will come up and wait on them. 38 "Whether he

comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds *them* so, blessed are those

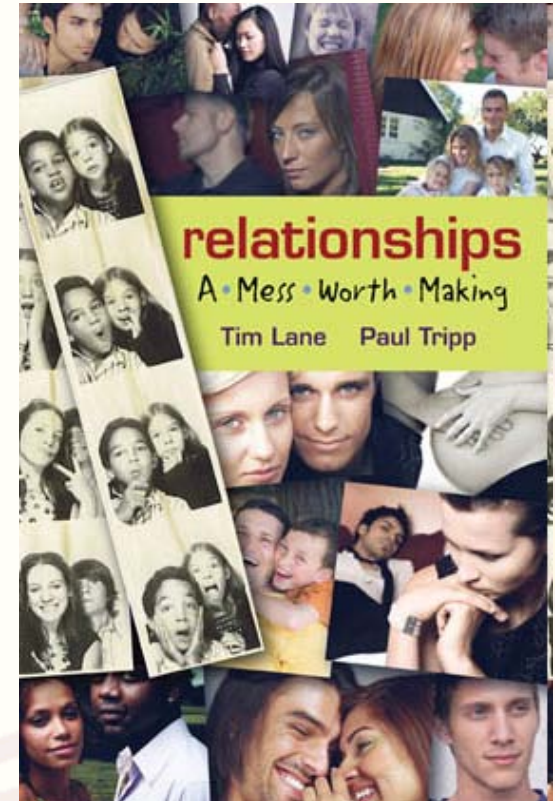
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***Think about this...***

**What about you must change in order for you to grow in your practice of asking for forgiveness?**



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***For Next Week:***

***Complete Lesson 14 in the  
Self-Confrontation Student Workbook***