

ACT & REACT Part 3: "State of Grace"

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TO PRACTICE THE HABIT OF GRACE IN MY LIFE, I HAVE TO...

1. ...<u>UNDERSTAND</u> HOW LITTLE I UNDERSTAND

Truth: It's easier to misjudge and label people than it is to do the hard work of knowing them and understanding them

"When your <u>heart overflows with</u>
<u>understanding you'll be very slow to get</u>
<u>angry</u>. But if you have a quick temper, your impatience will be quickly seen by all."

Proverbs 14:29 (TPT)

"I've been broken, lost, depressed, oppressed, and weak that I might find favor and gain the weak. I'm flexible, adaptable, and able to do and be whatever is needed for all kinds of people so that in the end I

can use every means at my disposal to offer them salvation. I do it all for the gospel and for the hope that I may participate with everyone who is blessed by the proclamation of the good news."

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (TVB)

2. ...MAKE MYSELF <u>CHOOSE</u> GRACE OVER OFFENSE

Truth: Being offended allows me to keep my <u>focus</u> on their <u>character</u>—grace forces me to focus on <u>mine</u>

"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient. Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIRV)

3. ...THROW AWAY MY <u>YARDSTICK</u> AND <u>SCORE CARD</u>

Truth: Keeping score and judging others only sets me up to be judged and having my failures exposed

"For it was only through this wonderful grace that we believed in him. Nothing we did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the gracious gift from God that brought us to Christ!"

Ephesians 2:8 (TPT)

"And why worry about a speck in the eye of a brother when you have a board in your own? Should you say, 'Friend, let me help you get that speck out of your eye,' when you can't even see because of the board in your own? Hypocrite! First get rid of the board. Then you can see to help your brother."

Matthew 7:3-5 (TLB)

"Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done."

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NCV)

- "...doesn't tally wrongs" (TVB)
- "...does not keep track of other people's wrongs." (NIRV)
- "...doesn't keep score of the sins of others,"
- "...does not remember wrongs done against *it.*" (ERV)

