

FULL DISCLOSURE Part 4: "The Rules of Engagement"

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"<u>God didn't send His Son into the world to judge it;</u> instead, He is here to rescue a world headed toward certain destruction."

John 3:17 (TVB)

"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. 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 7:1-5 (NLT)

TO CHIP AWAY AT THE LOG IN MY EYE AND STAY FOCUSED ON LOVING OTHERS, I NEED TO...

1. ...GET <u>CLOSE</u> TO THOSE I'M <u>TEMPTED</u> TO JUDGE

"Many dishonest tax collectors and other notorious sinners often gathered around to listen as Jesus taught the people. This raised concerns with the Jewish religious leaders and experts of the law. Indignant, they grumbled and complained, saying, 'Look at how this man associates with all these notorious sinners and welcomes them all to come to him!' In response, Jesus gave them this illustration: 'There once was a shepherd with a hundred lambs, but one of his lambs wandered away and was lost. So the shepherd left the ninety-nine lambs out in the open field and searched in the wilderness for that one lost lamb. He didn't stop until he finally found it. With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight!"

Luke 15:1-5 (TPT)

2. ...BE QUICK TO ASK, "HOW ARE THEY <u>FEELING?</u>" INSTEAD OF "WHAT <u>WERE</u> THEY <u>THINKING?</u>"

"Jesus, our high priest, is able to understand our weaknesses. When Jesus lived on earth, he was tempted in every way. He was tempted in the same ways we are tempted, but he never sinned. With Jesus as our high priest, we can feel free to come before God's throne where there is grace. There we receive mercy and kindness to help us when we need it."

Hebrews 4:15-16 (ERV)

3. ...OPEN MY HEART AND LOWER MY GUARD

"Your boast becomes a prophecy of a future failure. The higher you lift up yourself in pride, the harder you'll fall in disgrace." **Proverbs 16:18** (TPT)

"So always tell each other the wrong things you have done. Then pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you. Anyone who lives the way God wants can pray, and great things will happen."

James 5:16 (ERV)

4. ...LOOK FOR <u>NEEDS I CAN MEET</u> INSTEAD OF <u>PROBLEMS I CAN CRITIQUE</u>

"After washing their feet, (Jesus) put his robe on and returned to his place at the table. 'Do you understand what I just did?' Jesus said. 'You've called me your teacher and lord, and you're right, for that's who I am. So if I'm your teacher and lord and have just washed your dirty feet, then you should follow the example that I've set for you and wash one another's dirty feet. Now do for each other what I have just done for you. I speak to you timeless truth: a servant is not superior to his master, and an apostle is never greater than the one who sent him. So now put into practice what I have done for you, and you will experience a life of happiness enriched with untold blessings!"

John 13:12-17 (TPT)