



NOT MY PROBLEM

Part 3: *"The Problem With Other People's Problems"*

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I CAN BE SURE THAT I AM NOT TAKING ON OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS IF I AM...

1. ...CAUTIOUSLY AVOIDING PROBLEM-PRONE-PEOPLE

Truth: Problems are a contagious virus—if I keep hanging out with problem-prone people, I'm going to eventually catch what they have

"Try hard to do right, and you will win friends; go looking for trouble, and you will find it."

Proverbs 11:27 (CEV)

"After a first and second warning, have nothing more to do with a divisive person who refuses to be corrected. For you know that such a one is entwined with his sin and stands self-condemned."

Titus 3:10-11 (TPT)

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2. ... CONFIDENTLY BROADCASTING MY BOUNDARIES

Truth: It's difficult to enforce a boundary
nobody knows exists

"Don't wear out your welcome by staying too long at the home of your friends, or they may get fed up with always having you there and wish you hadn't come."

Proverbs 25:17 (TPT)

"Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity. For then you will be prepared to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about your faith."

Colossians 4:6 (TPT)

3. ...COMPASSIONATELY CONFRONTING THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH OTHER PEOPLE

Truth: Attacking problems is not the same as attacking people

"Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong."

Galatians 6:1 (TLB)

“If your fellow believer sins against you, you must go to that one privately and attempt to resolve the matter. If he responds, your relationship is restored. But if his heart is closed to you, then go to him again, taking one or two others with you. You’ll be fulfilling what the Scripture teaches when it says, ‘Every word may be verified by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ And if he refuses to listen, then share the issue with the entire church in hopes of restoration. If he still refuses to respond, disregarding the fellowship of his church family, you must disregard him as though he were an outsider, on the same level as an unrepentant sinner.”

Matthew 18:15-18 (TPT)

“Therefore, if you are bringing an offering to God and you remember that your brother is angry at you or holds a grudge against you, then leave your gift before the altar, go to your brother, repent and forgive one another, be reconciled, and then return to the altar to offer your gift to God.”

Matthew 5:23-24 (TVB)