

**Caring Enough to Confront**  
**Luke 6:39-45**

**I. Important lessons on helping others address their sins & shortcomings.**

1. We must see clearly in order to help others in their spiritual walk.
  
2. We must first Be what we want to lead others to Become.
  - Anger
  - Rebellion
  - Hypocrisy
  
3. We must have a consistency of character & speech in order to truly help others.

**II. Observations concerning our refusal to accept correction.**

*Galatians 5:16-20 ...walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.*

*...Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery...*

*....enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, .....*

**When our flesh is in control we....**

1. Resist being corrected & exposed.
  
2. Make up our own standards.

3. Become defensive & justify our self-centeredness.
4. Value being right, heard, understood & getting our desires more than Christ-likeness.

### **III. Skills to learn when confronting others in love.**

1. Focus on common ground.
2. Go with humility & a clean heart.
3. Focus on behavior, not character.
4. Seek restoration & growth in Christ.

### **IV. Getting the most of confrontation.**

1. Acknowledge thankfulness.
2. Agree with the truth.
3. Ask for more.

*For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29*