

Love Your Neighbor - Dealing with Problematic People

2. Dealing with those who are controlling and hypocritical

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Controlling People

Matthew 16: 21-23 - From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

1. Know who God has called you to be.
2. Recognize when someone is trying to control you (Tools: Threats & Guilt).
3. Create boundaries.

Hypocritical People

II Samuel 12: 1-7 - The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle,³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.⁴ “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die!⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

1. Seek God’s guidance to confront in a way that brings restoration.
2. Seek God’s guidance to carefully confront in a gentle manner.
3. Seek God’s guidance to deal with my own hypocrisy.

We don’t fix people – God does