



Not Seeing our Own Faults

2 Samuel 12:1-15



We are good at pointing out others' faults ..
Why can't we see our own?

1 We Aren't Looking for them

James 1:22-25 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

2 We Try to Excuse them

Genesis 3:8-13 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Exodus 32:22-24 You know the people, that they *are set* on evil.²³ For they said to me, ‘Make us gods that shall go before us; *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’²⁴ And I said to them, ‘Whoever has any gold, let them break *it* off.’ So they gave *it* to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.”

Don't forget..God will hold you accountable

2 Samuel 12:7-12 Then Nathan said to David, “You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more!

3 We don't like to hear it

Amos 5:10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.

Amos 7:12-13 Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy.
¹³ But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it *is* the king's sanctuary, And it *is* the royal residence."

Ezekiel 33:31-32 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you *as* My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, *but* their hearts pursue their *own* gain.

David didn't have this attitude

2 Samuel 12:13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

James 5:16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

4 We try to hide them

2 Samuel 12:9-12 Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon...For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' ”

Isaiah 29:15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”

How does it end?

2 Samuel 12:13-14 So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *who is* born to you shall surely die.”



Despise not the correction of the Lord..



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