

If You Have A Problem

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If you have a problem, face it and deal with it; but seek the Bible solution to it, and apply that solution.

If a brother has sinned against you, read and apply Matthew 18:15-17. If you have wronged a brother, apply the principle of Matthew 5:23-24. A problem in your marriage? A problem in your family? A problem with your children? A problem with a friend? A problem with an enemy? A problem with someone where you work? God's Word has a solution. And I am talking about something that is a problem, not something petty and insignificant. At the same time, look into the mirror of God's Word (James 1:23-24) that you might see yourself as you are and learn what you should be. Do not be concerned with removing "motes out of the eyes" of others, while being indifferent toward "beams in your own" (Matthew 7:3-5).

If you have a Bible question that is important to you, if you have a question about the congregation -- its worship, teaching, practice, work -- if you have a question about anything taught in a Bible class or from the pulpit, by all means ask -- and ask those involved, those who can give an answer. If you have some criticism to make, make it to the one or ones who need to hear it.

If any thing is disturbing you, by all means talk about it -- but don't just bend ears and create or spread discontent. Talk about it to those you need to talk to, to those who can help you and help resolve the problem.

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