



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

If you had the power to change one person in the body of Christ, who would it be? Maybe a father or mother? A person who seems to distract others with comments that are rude and crude? Who would you change? Maybe it's an elder? A deacon? A preacher? Do you have someone in mind? Keep that person in mind as you continue to read. What kind of changes would you like to see them make?

Let's deal in reality about this person. You do have the power to change someone. "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye." (Luke 6:42) We all have our flaws and we have the power to change one person and that person is you! It is easy to see flaws in others and have disdain for another but there is something that prevents us from seeing clearly ourselves.

People attack another with relentless words. Sitting around with others and the eldership is attacked, preachers are attacked, different members are attacked, and what makes this so evil in the eyes of the Lord is Scripture is used wrongly for their ammo! People use Scripture in ways that shouldn't be, but they fit our personal preference and are twisted to fit our thinking. The weakness of others is slanted as sin while we sit and have a disdainful/hateful attitude toward them. It never comes to mind to help but only condemn. People that attack cannot see clearly enough how to help the brethren!! Isn't that what the Lord calls us to? If you want to see another change or change within the church, pray for them with some sincerity of heart for their betterment. Then look to help.

The next time you find yourself thinking the church would be better if...you might step back and think how you are affecting what you deem as bad with your attitude. The greatest need to change in the church is you! You need to help by growing in the Lord yourself. Only then you will see 'how' to take out the specks of others. Think about it!!!

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