

LOG IN YOUR OWN EYE

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We see most clearly in others what's most true in ourselves. The sin we call out in others might very well be our own sin that we are projecting on that person. As the saying goes, perception is projection. Matthew 7:1-3 provides us with a powerful warning about passing judgement and holding on to the wrongs done against us. If you are struggling with another person, you may be struggling with something within yourself. Before calling someone out, check your heart for your own sin that needs to be dealt with.

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

—Matthew 7:1-3

When giving correction, be real about how you have struggled yourself and be honest about your own mistakes. Do not swoop in with a “holier-than-thou” attitude. Be humble and kind. If you are going to someone in a vulnerable spot, you must show vulnerability.

I am so grateful for friends, mentors, intercessors, and pastors who have highlighted areas in my life or attitude that needed realignment or repentance. There was a time when I marched into my office filled with anxiety and strife over a certain negative circumstance. A friend had the courage to call me out and remind me that God had called me to walk in peace, not fear. I listened, felt convicted, repented, and received the gift of peace and forgiveness by God's grace. The rest of the day went much more smoothly.

Humility demands that I share transparently with my believing family what I am going through and feeling and will be there to walk people through their faith journey. I am open to correction and seek to offer correction to others when needed in love (not judgement). I do my best to offer course corrections when I have permission from the Holy Spirit. Whether they receive the correction is up to them; in the same way, I have a choice to be humble and respond to correction without offence.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This resource is from Bryan Elliott's book, *More than Gold*. Bryan is the President and co-founder of M46 Ministries along with his daughter, Bryn Elliott. Their mission is to inspire, disciple, and bring hope to the nations. Find more resources at **m46ministries.com**

