

A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

LUKE 6:43-45

Two Principles...

The Principle of Inescapable Influence

- Whatever _____ my heart exercises inescapable influence on my life and _____.
 - “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander...” (Mt. 15:18-19)

The X-Ray Principle

- _____ and situations do not determine my behavior. They simply provide an opportunity to show what’s _____ in my heart. (Lk. 6:45)

The Power For Honest Evaluation...

- The people who are the most _____ about their sin are the people who are the most convinced they’ve been _____ of it.
 - “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom *I am the foremost*.” (1 Tim. 1:15)
- You can be as honest about your sin now as you will one day looking back on it.

Four Implications...

- (1) It changes the way we _____.
 - Help with behavior vs. the real heart problem
- (2) It changes the way we _____.
 - _____ = I’m sorry for my behavior
 - Repentance = I’m sorry for my _____.
- (3) It changes the way we _____.
 - Behavior Management ≠ Shepherding the Heart
- (4) It changes the way we _____.
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- **People** _____ and situations do not determine my behavior. They simply provide an opportunity to show what’s **already** _____ in my heart. (Lk. 6:45)

The Power For Honest Evaluation...

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Four Implications...

- (1) It changes the way we **pray** _____.
 - Help with behavior vs. the real heart problem
- (2) It changes the way we **repent** _____.
 - **Apology** _____ = I’m sorry for my behavior
 - Repentance = I’m sorry for my **sin** _____.
- (3) It changes the way we **parent** _____.
 - Behavior Management ≠ Shepherding the Heart
- (4) It changes the way we **evangelize** _____.
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