

**A Transformed Life
Discovers that
Confrontation is
Sometimes Necessary**

Trivial things we confront others about

The direction the toilet paper is facing

Squeezing toothpaste from the top or the bottom

Silverware facing up or down in the dishwasher

Who gets to be "The Car" in the Monopoly game

When is Confrontation Necessary?

Actions of those who call themselves Christians *but practice the following and consider it acceptable:*

Sexual immorality

Abusive behavior, reviling, raging, hurting others, or causing division

Slander or foul language

Idolatry

Stealing or deceptive actions

Getting drunk or using drugs

Witchcraft

Envy or greed

The reason Paul confronts Peter

Galatians 6:1a (NIV2011) Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.

Galatians 2:11-14 (ESV) ¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Don't underestimate how strong peer pressure can be *When we devalue others due to race, background, etc., we are damaging our Gospel witness* *When you sin, you can draw others into sinning in the same manner*

Do your actions promote unity in Christ or dissension?

Galatians 2:15-18 (NASB) ¹⁵ "We *are* Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; ¹⁶ nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ

If someone misinterprets scripture that God's grace is a license to sin, are you willing to confront them?

WORKS OF THE LAW NO ONE WILL BE JUSTIFIED. — But
if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be!

Jesus brought us salvation so that we can honor him through good works, but our good works do NOT save us – they're in response to our love for God. No one is "good enough" for salvation.

Receiving salvation from Jesus does not grant us license to sin. Our great love for Jesus creates transformation that takes us further away from sinful actions and desires.

Galatians 2:18-21 (NIV2011) ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. ¹⁹ “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself

for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

We have been made new in Jesus. Living for God can only be effectively done with faith in response to love. Good luck if you are trying to live for Christ out of no more than an obligation.

Did you catch that? Anyone promoting that good works earns you God's favor is saying that Jesus died for no reason.

While we should confront teachers who say our works earn salvation. On the other hand, do your actions show your love for Jesus?