## What Am I Doing Wrong?

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A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35

## Our Relationships are a visual litmus test of our faith

For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:14

1. **Pouting -** sulking - to be moodily silent

However you want people to treat you, so treat them...

Matthew 7:12

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39

## 2. Ultra-sensitivity

...this is precisely how the human ego works. It hurts when it's inflamed.

Sure - it's always there- everyone's got an ego - but when it's oversized, it's constantly being injured or threatened. When it's "all about me" I'm constantly aware of myself, bracing myself for ego injury.

Few people want to hear this, but it's true, and it can be enormously helpful in life: if you're constantly being hurt, offended or angered, you should honestly evaluate your inflamed ego.

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If the Spirit of God brings to your mind a word of the Lord that hurts you, you may be sure that there is something He wants to hurt to death.

Oswald Chambers

- 3. Not Owning Your Part of the Problem -
- 4. Walking Away When it Gets Hard
- 5. Dishonesty

...realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers 10 and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching...

1 Timothy 1:9-10

He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part [will be] in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Revelation 21:7-8

Jesus called Himself the way, the truth, and the life in John 14:6 and He expects those who follow Him to be people of truth.

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices Colossians 3:9

- Talking over pouting
- Self-forgetfulness over Ultra-sensitivity
- Acknowledging our part in relational difficulties
- Hanging in there and trusting God instead of walking away
- Speaking the truth even when we are exposing ourselves and our sins