

Main point: Humbly address sin in our hearts first so that we can serve others.

Point 1: Fight against a judgmental spirit

#1:

“A fault-finder who is negative and destructive toward other people and enjoys actively seeking out their failings.”

John Stott

#2:

“What are some of these ‘refined’ sins? As I looked at my own life, one of the first that came to mind was the tendency to judge others and to speak critically of them to other people. That this sin came to mind so quickly surprised me, because I don’t think of myself as a critical or judgmental person. Perhaps that is part of the problem. This seems to be such an acceptable vice among believers that we don’t even recognize it unless it is flagrant — and always in someone else.”

Jerry Bridges

Point 2: Humbly remove the log

#3:

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

#4:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Point 3: Use discernment in serving others

#5:

Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Mike Plewniak
Matthew 7:1-6

Sermon Quotes
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#6:

“There is only one thing that matters at that point, and that is that you should be humble, you should be sympathetic, you should be so conscious of your own sin and your own unworthiness, that when you find it in another, far from condemning, you feel like weeping. You are full of sympathy and compassion; you really do want to help. You have so enjoyed getting rid of the thing in yourself that you want him to have the same pleasure and joy.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

#7:

Proverbs 9:8

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.