

Message Series:  
**Can We Get Along?**  
**A Study on Biblical Peacemaking**  
**May 31, 2009**

Today's Message:  
**Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye**  
**Matthew 7:1-5**

**Today's Main Thought:** Get the log out of your eye the second G in the four G's of the peacemaking process.

**Remove your log rather than looking for sawdust.**

**Before looking for sawdust...**

- **Stop! Ask yourself the question, how have I contributed to this conflict?**
- **Look for your log, vv. 4-5; Psalm 139:23; Job 31:6**

**Types of Blinding Logs**

- Improper desires for physical pleasure, Galatians 5:16-21
- Pride and the desire to always be right, Proverbs 8:13; James 3:14
- Love of money or other material possessions, Luke 12:16-21, 27-31
- Fear of man, Proverbs 29:25
- The craving for power and to control or manipulate others, Proverbs 16:25; 2 Cor. 4:7
- Good things we want too much

**Identifying the Blinding Logs**

- Classic phrase, "If only \_\_\_\_\_, then I would be happy, fulfilled and secure"

- What do I want to preserve or avoid at all cost?
- Where do I put my trust?
- What do I fear?

- **Confess your log, Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-9**
- **Help your brother or sister with the sawdust in their eye, v. 5**

**Message Takeaway:** Passionate pursuers of Jesus Christ must take responsibility for their part in a conflict rather than blaming others. Followers of Christ are commanded to strive to be open to correction about their attitudes, sin in their life or actions which hurt others. Believers should confess their sin to those they are in conflict with and ask for their forgiveness.

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Next Week: #3 in series  
Gently Restore Your Brother