

The Difficulty in Giving Grace and Truth

Grace is what we desire the most when we are 'caught' or 'exposed' but what we deserve the least

It's also what we are reluctant to extend when we are confronted with the guilt of others.

We don't deserve it. We didn't earn it. We can never earn it.

Grace = oil in the machine

Like oil...

Grace allows people who are not like each other.

Grace allows people who are different from one another to work together without destroying each other.

Like oil... Grace allows different types of people to work together to do amazing things!

Grace becomes amazing when it is extended to others

Matt 7:1-2 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Matt 7:3-4

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye, ' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

Matt 7:5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

1. You judge someone not when you assess their position but when you dismiss them as a person

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

We may answer... Because it's not a speck!!!!

And we may say... BTW...I don't have a plank!!!

2. Planks keep us from extending Grace!

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The more aware I am of what God is yet to do in me, the less aware I am of what he has yet to do in you.

Your planks will make it impossible for you to see people the way God sees them.

The Church is most appealing, When grace is most apparent