
Progress, Not Perfection

"False Accusation"

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Introduction: As we continue to focus on the need to grow moments in our lives, we come to the issue of false accusation.

1. We have all been there.
2. It's almost always tied to some kind of misunderstanding.
3. Sometimes it is easily diffused. At other times, it's intentional, hurtful, divisive.
4. When this is the case, we experience inner turmoil & struggle to respond. That response is the key:
 - A poor response sets us back & intensifies the problem.
 - A Christ-like response leads to growth & resolution.
5. Today we will focus on responding like Christ.

I. Understanding The Problem

- A. Misunderstanding
- B. Personalization
- C. Accusation
- D. Consequence

II. Responding Like Christ

- A. Analysis
- B. Avoid Defensiveness

C. Trust

Conclusion: When you live in a broken world as we do, misunderstanding, false accusation & the unfairness of it all is inevitable.

1. When it comes our way, we can fight fire with fire.
 - This will not work.
 - Instead, we should seek to respond like Christ.
2. As we do:
 - We diffuse the potential evil.
 - We avoid frustration.
 - We give God room to work.
 - We further the cause of Christ.
3. Then, the need to grow moment becomes a season of growth!