

EMMANUEL NOTES

I Have a Friend... - Week 4

Who Calls Themselves a Christian but Lives However They Want

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Some Christians are immature.

- *But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as **infants in Christ**. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? - 1 Corinthians 3:1-3*

God has called the Church to help each other grow up.

- *If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. - 1 Corinthians 12:26, 27*
- *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food. - Hebrews 5:12*

1. Check yourself.

- *For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? - Matthew 7:2-4*

Approach them in love.

- *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, - Ephesians 4:15*

Always use God's Word.

- *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16*

Cast them a vision of what God wants to do in them.

- *...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**, so that we may no longer be children... - Ephesians 4:13, 14*
- *"You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace." - C. S. Lewis*

Lead them to a choice.

- *And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. - 1 Kings 18:21*
- *You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? - James 4:4,5*

What step do you need to take with your friend.