

Volume 3, Day 24: Humility, Chaos and Conformity

Five. In your relationships with others, I'd encourage you to be less arrogant and confrontational and be more **gracious and humble**. Express more patience to people around you. Try not to force your opinion on others. Don't demand other people to see it the way you see it. Learn to live inside the freedom of you having your journey and letting them have theirs. There will be that honest moment you need to face that is difficult with somebody, but it won't come when you want it. It's going to come when it's in their best interest, not yours.

Six. **Don't try to avoid the chaos.** So much of our journey has been, well, if we just get things right, God will bless us. So I try to do whatever's easiest, most convenient, whatever's going to be most comfortable for me. We try to avoid the chaos of the world we live in. This is a broken and therefore chaotic world. There's plenty of chaos to go around. Don't live trying to avoid it. Embrace Him in the chaos. Life is what it is. Watch it unfold. God has things to show you. If He has things He wants you to pray about, He'll make that clear to you. You can go with that as well.

Seven. **Drift away from conformity** to what other people want you to do or to be. It may even be people who are spiritual leaders who want you to say certain things and do certain things for them. Avoid conformity of other people's expectations and learn to live in the 'fruit' of the Spirit. His emotions of love, joy, and peace will produce expressions of longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Learn to live in that Spirit's way, not your performance or conformity to others' expectations.