

Volume 6, Day 27: Intercession for NOT Criticism of

If we are not yielding to the way the Spirit of God works in us, we have become spiritual hypocrites. We see where other people are failing, and we turn our discernment into condemnation of them by way of our criticism instead of into intercession on their behalf to the restoration of their fellowship. The revelation is made to us not through the sharpness of our minds, but by the direct penetration of the Spirit of God. If we are not submitted to the source of the revelation, we will become criticizing centers and ignore God's words, "... He shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death." Be careful not to play the hypocrite by spending all your time trying to manipulate others' behaviors into obedience to God.

One of the subtlest burdens God ever puts on us as saints is this burden of discernment concerning other souls. He reveals things in order that we may take the burden of these souls before Him and form the mind of Christ about them, and as we intercede on His line, God says He will give us "life for them that sin not unto death." It is not that we bring God into touch with our minds, but that we open our minds and hearts to God until God is able to convey His mind to us about the one for whom we intercede.

Is Jesus Christ seeing evidence of the travail of His soul in us? He cannot unless we are so identified with Himself that we are fully motivated to hold His point of view about the people for whom we pray. We must learn to intercede so wholeheartedly that Jesus Christ will be abundantly satisfied with us as intercessors.

My Confirming Scriptures: My Aligning Experiences

The peace of God is **fully acquired** when we become **fully aware** of His presence in every decision. —J H Alan