

Side By Side – Chapter 15

1. Talking about sin is typically perceived as impolite – Why is that the case?
2. Are there other reasons you do not talk to others about their sins?
3. Why should you be willing to do so?
4. “If we ignore our brothers’ and sisters’ sins, we have sinned against them, and we should ask their forgiveness.” Why is this the case?
5. “Suffering hurts more, but sin is more serious.” How is that true?
6. Why is humility a prerequisite to helping others with their sins?
7. How do we live as “redeemed tax collectors”?
8. Why is patience a prerequisite to helping others with their sins?
9. When is patience not the best course of actions?
10. What does Welch mean when he writes, “Patience is more interested in direction and less interested in how fast people are changing.”? Do you agree with him?
11. If humiliation and patience are absent, what is likely to take their place as we confront others with their sins?
12. Is it a wise general principle to communicate the good you see in others before communicating with them about their sin(s)?
13. Is it a wise general principle to acknowledge the hardship(s) others may be experiencing before communicating with them about their sin(s)?
14. When might you cover rather than confront a sin (Proverbs 10:12, I Peter 4:8)? Are these terms mutually exclusive (James 5:19-20)?

