

“TOXIC FAMILY MEMBERS”

Introduction: Goal for all toxic people: _____.

I John 4:7 (NIV) “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.”

- Definition of TOXIC: When two people are stuck in a way of relating that is _____ them both.
- Three facts about toxic family members.
 1. We _____ have toxic family members.
 2. All toxic relationships are not _____.
 3. When a relationship is toxic you must _____.

THREE PRAYERS TO PRAY IN A TOXIC FAMILY:

1. FATHER, STRENGTHEN ME TO _____ MY _____.

II Corinthians 4:7 (CEV) “We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us.”

- The _____ for dealing with toxic people is simple.
- Our _____ to apply the methods is extremely complex.
- Three limitations
 1. I am not _____.
 2. I cannot force someone to _____ their mind.
 3. I have _____.
- Prayer: “Father, strengthen me to accept my limitations. Strengthen me to accept myself for who I am and the situation for what it really is, and to look for Your strength. Father, I thank You that You accept us for who we are – clay pots, cracked pots. You accept us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

2. FATHER, ENABLE ME TO _____ MY _____.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NAS) “ ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’ Jesus said, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’ “

- To forgive means: _____ it!
- Seventy times seven? How? _____!

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

- Forgive them _____.
- Prayer: "Father, enable me to forgive. Jesus, thank You that You have forgiven me and in Your strength I find the strength to forgive others. You have already forgiven me for so much. Thank You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

3. FATHER, EMPOWER ME TO CHANGE MY MIND.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."

- Three resources:
 1. The _____ of God – _____ your mind.
 2. The _____ of God – _____ your mind.
 3. The _____ of God – _____ your mind.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead let us encourage one another."

- Hosting a small group or Bible class. Four things:
 1. H. _____ for people.
 2. O. _____ your home.
 3. S. _____ some drink.
 4. T. _____ on the DVD player.
- Prayer: Father, we thank you for Your Spirit, for Your Word, and for Your church family. Thank you that with these three we can accomplish what we would never be able to do by ourselves. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CONCLUSION: "FATHER, HELP ME ACCEPT _____."

I John 4:9 (TEV) "God has shown us His love by sending His only Son into the world so that we could have life through Him."

- A PERFECT PICTURE.....