

a) exercise extra wisdom, discernment, patience & longsuffering around the so-called 'difficult' people.

2 Timothy 2:23-25 (NASB)

"But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient

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when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth" .

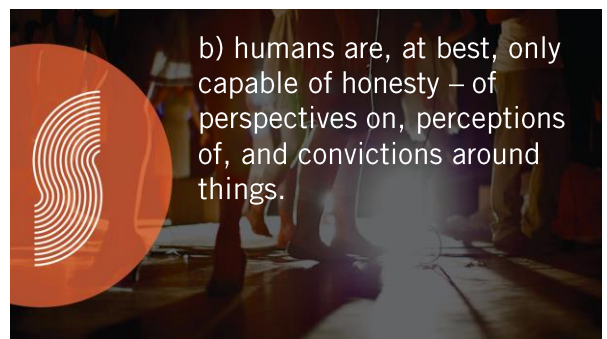
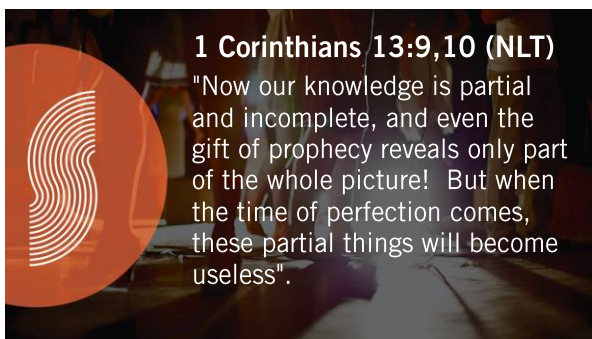
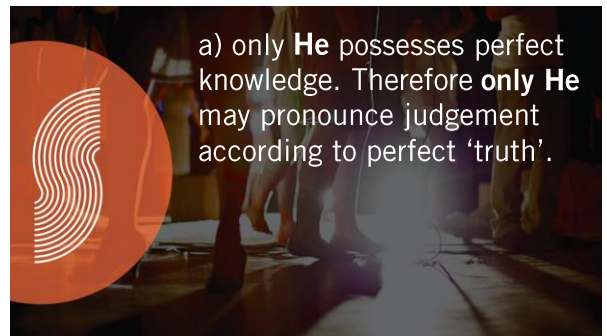
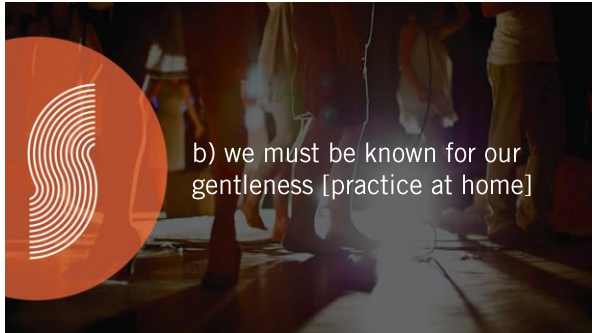
b) most people can be appeased

Proverbs 25:15 (NLT)

"Patience can persuade a prince, and soft speech can break bones".

2. Be deliberate and gratuitous

a) with your grace and patience - focus on the person and off the issues



Romans 3:4 (NIRV)

"... God is true, even though every human being is a liar. It is written, "You are right when you sentence me. You are fair when you judge me."

c) Clarify, in your own mind, your role: viz. sharing, confronting, ie gently and lovingly/ affirming versus condemning, accusing, 'convicting' (pressuring/ badgering)

John 16:7,8 (AMP)

"...the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will ... come to you... And... **He will convict and convince** (emphasis mine) ...

John 6:44a (AMP)

No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me...

4. Set clear boundaries (for mutual respect/ humility/ meekness)

a) Eg. "in my view/ my modest opinion/ I respect your point of view" etc/ I may be wrong, or not entirely right etc [ie. show respect (through active listening) to command respect]

