

Projection

2006 Resolution: As 2005 has passed and 2006 has arrived, let us resolve to cause our old man beliefs to pass and new man beliefs to take over our hearts.

2 Cor 10:12 “we do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.”

It is our tendency to evaluate our world based on the perceptions we have formed from our experience. We project our inner reality (perception / opinion) onto our world. We measure reality by ourselves. We measure others; their motives and actions based on what we believe our motives and what we would do – **Projection**. “Measure someone else’s corn in your bushel basket” F.O. Rosenblum

Projection: Assuming that others act or perceive in the same way you do

Ex: Individual A assumes that B sees the color red as he does, until informed that B is color-blind; Someone who never lies is easy to deceive because he projects his truthfulness onto others, assuming that others are honest also; ‘It takes one to know one’;

All of us use our own inner map (views, perspectives, attitudes) to interpret what others say and do. We project our view of the world onto God, His plan/promises & CWL

Ephesians 5:1 “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children”;

1. We project our view/opinions/feelings of our father/parents onto God.

- Angry parent – Angry God – vengeful God – Dt 32:35 vengeance is mine is interpreted as God looking for reasons to be vengeful – find a reason to hurt me
- Busy parent – neglectful / unconcerned God – Watchmaker God – winds history up and allows it to run – God is unconcerned with my daily life – better things to do
- Controlling parent – controlling God – afraid to take initiative or make mistakes
- Depressed parent – gloomy God – life is gloom / doom – glass half empty

2. We project our own meaning to God’s plan and promises.

- Plan – Jewish projection of common views of Messiah’s ministry Act 1:6
- Logistics – God will provide the level to which I have become accustomed Phi 4:19
- Blessing – financial, relational prosperity – make us wealthy 1Pt 5:6
- Marriage – everyone is destined to have opportunity for a perfect marriage Gen 2
- Discipline – God uses punishment as His primary mode of training
- Grace – grace is free and costs nothing – always costs the giver

3. We project our old man values, priorities and strategies to the CWL.

- Beliefs – God’s plan is intended to give us +H through worldly means
- Means – learn the rules and follow them through will power
- Love – pretend to like everyone and try to get along with them
- Blessing – deserved reward earned by doing good works.

A Short Study on ‘Humility’

4. The whole human race is equal in every significant area of life.

Condemnation, salvation, security, sonship, indwelling, filling, perception

5. Every human being is unique and different in his or her person.

- Genetics – inheritance of traits and trends
- Childhood – training, experience and familial influence
- Temperament – general disposition
- Personality – combination of temperament and experience
- Perceptive system – intuition cp sensing

6. We are all the same in positional aspects but all different in practical aspects.

There is no way to use your own experience to evaluate the experience of another

7. Jesus makes it clear that we must renovate our own thinking before we can clearly see the thinking of others.

Matt 7:3 "And why do you ^alook at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 ^a"Or how ¹can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.