

A few years ago, I shared to the congregation a reading on NEED from the book "Total Forgiveness" by R.T.Kendall. At the end of the assembly I was angrily confronted face-to-face by the temporary (so called) pastors who angrily stated that I was not to share in the congregation ever again because I had offended someone. Being confronted in this way instantly raised the anger in me to the point where I was going to "strongly" let this pastor know what I thought of his actions'. Fortunately, God's Spirit within intervened and reminded me of what I had shared earlier, and I just turned and walked away, I have Forgiven, Not Forgotten (that would not be wise) and that person would need to earn my Trust.

Considering some recent notices and personal attacks on Facebook towards people with differing views in our current COVID-19 situation in Victoria and the mistruths and avoidance of telling the truth of those who are supposed to be looking out for our welfare, I thought it well worth posting it again. Whether you read it or not is your choice. Whether you take offence or think I am "Bible Bashing" is your choice. If you are of a different faith or someone with no faith, then treat this as a purely secular reading, your choice. If you do not wish to read now or consider reading later, the link is on one of my business websites

"Total Forgiveness"

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Here is an acrostic that I have found helpful, built on the word **NEED**. When speaking to or about another person, ask yourself if what you are about to say will meet their need:

Necessary - Is it necessary to say this?

Encourage - Will this encourage?
Will it make them feel better?

Edify - Will it Edify?
Will it build them up and make them stronger as a result of what you would say?

Dignify - Will it dignify that person?
That's the way Jesus treated other people.
He gave them a sense of dignity.

Criticism that is unfair or unjust, even if it is true, is not what we should say. **The fact that what you might say is true does not make it right to say it. Often Satan's accusations are true; he is an expert at being a judge.** The devil loves to play God; he is called '**the Accuser' of the brother's (Rev. 12:11)**. I therefore will never forget William Perkin's words, "**Don't believe the devil, even when he tells the truth. You may be pointing the finger and telling the truth, but you possibly are an instrument of the devil as you speak**" 😊

