

abuse. very
mistreat, m
eat badly

The Heart of the Matter

Selected Scripture

Pastor Kevin Hurt
10/14/18
Part 1

INTRODUCTION — Abuse: A cultural or Church issue?

LESSON — Abuse: The Heart of the Matter

I. ABUSE — WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Whatever you think the problem is will determine the solution you use

Some say it is an **ANGER** problem.

Some say it is a **LEGAL** problem.

Some say it is a **MARRIAGE** problem.

Some say it is a **VICTIM'S** problem.

Some say it is a **MALE** problem.

The Bible says it is primarily a **HEART** issue that **ANY** sinner can be guilty of.

II. ABUSE — WHAT IS THE PICTURE?

What the Bible says about an issue reveals the problem

The Signs — Its description

PHYSICAL force (Psalm 11:5)

INTIMIDATION (Psalm 34:15-16)

RIDICULE (Proverbs 12:18)

ISOLATION (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

DENIAL (Proverbs 28:13)

THREATS (Luke 17:2)

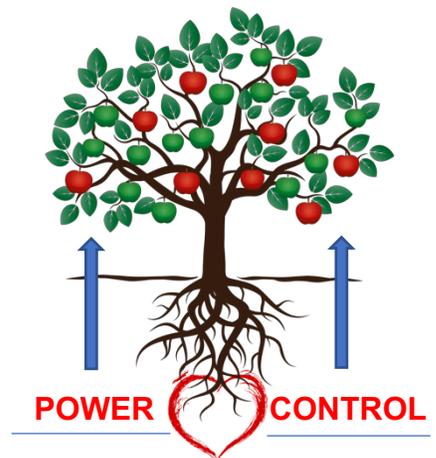
A **LOW** view of others (Philippians 2:3)

FINANCIAL control (1 Timothy 5:8)

The Scripture — Its diagnosis & definition

It is a **HEART** issue. (Proverbs 4:23)

It is a **FRUIT** issue. (Luke 6:43-45)



Abuse is the result of a sinful heart which uses God ordained **AUTHORITY** (power) as a means of gaining or maintaining **CONTROL**.

The Statement — A distinction

All abuse is **SINFUL**, but not all **SIN** is abuse.

III. ABUSE — WHAT IS THE PLAN?

What we should do as Christians

LISTEN — It shows you care.

Use **LAW ENFORCEMENT** — When/if needed or required.

Always use the **LOCAL** Church — A must!

LIVE with a goal in mind — restoration not stigmatization.