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# Helping the Abused & Abuser

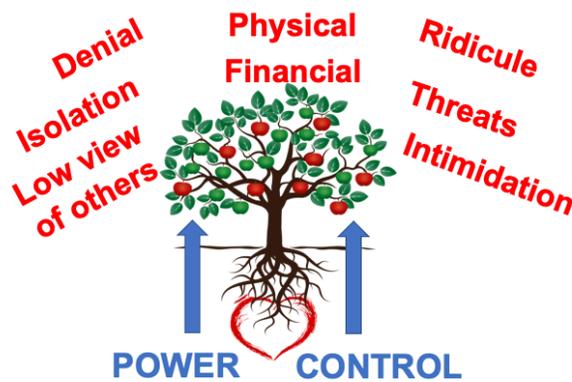
## Selected Scripture

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Part 2

**REVIEW** — The Heart of the Matter (Proverbs 4:23; Luke 6:43-45)



The Bible says abuse is primarily a heart issue that any sinner can be guilty of.

Abuse is the result of a sinful heart which uses God ordained authority (power) as a means of gaining or maintaining control over another person.

All abuse is sin, but not all sin is abuse.

## LESSON — Abuse: Helping the Abused & Abuser

### I. THE CONFUSION — Where has the Church gone wrong?

The 2 Extremes:

- 1) You should **NEVER EVER** return home.

The problem with this view? — It denies the **POWER** of the **SPIRIT**, which dwells in every believer, to change them (the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead).

Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-12

- 2) You should **ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY** return home.

The problem with this view? — It takes one part of Biblical truth (submission & the Sovereignty of God) and **LEAVES** out the part about **PROTECTING** the weak and helpless.

Psalms 82:3-4; Proverbs 24:11-12

The Tension — Wanting to aim for **RESTORATION** (Galatians 6:1; 2 Corinthians 13:11) and wanting to **PROTECT** people.

### II. THE CARE — How does the Church help the abused and abuser?

**The Abused:**

- 1) Encourage them to see that God is ultimately in **CONTROL** and they can **REJOICE** in Him. (James 1:2-4; Genesis 50:20)
- 2) Emphasize the truth that if we are **FORGIVEN**, we must **FORGIVE** from the heart. (Matthew 19:21-35; Ephesians 4:31-32)
- 3) Exhort them, at some point, to not overlook their own **SIN**. (Matthew 7:1-5)

**The Abuser:**

- 1) Expose the **NATURE** of abuse. (James 4:1-2; cf. Philippians 2:1-11; Ephesians 5:25-33)
- 2) Emphasize the gospel of **GRACE**. (Matthew 19:26; Romans 6:14)
- 3) Exhort them to continually turn to God in **CONFESSION** and **REPENTANCE**. (1 John 1:8-9; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 3:8; 2 Corinthians 7:8-11)