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(comedian)

“The biggest source of stress in life is reality and those who chose to live in it.”

Carl Jung

“Through pride we are ever deceiving ourselves. But deep down below the surface of the average conscience a still, small voice says to us, ‘Something is out of tune’.”

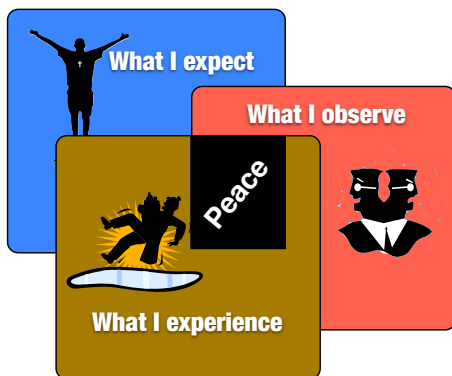
Steven Covey

“Every human has four endowments - self awareness, conscience, independent will, and creative imagination.”

Dissonance

Why we experience it
and how it helps us.

Dissonance is a great Disturber of the Peace



Dissonance - intellectual conflict

Psalm 78:69 “the earth which is founded forever”

2 Peter 3:10 “the earth and its works will be burned up”

Dissonance - social conflict

1 Corinthians 3:3

“for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?”

Dissonance - moral conflict

Romans 7:19

“For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. ”

The Fall created a profound dissonance



Genesis 3:10

“I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Observation #1

Dissonance

(cognitive, social & moral)
**is a sign that we are
in touch with reality
as humans who bear
the image of God.**

Dissonance
is a testimony to the fact that:

Romans 2:15

“they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their **conscience bearing witness** and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,”

1. **we have two conflicting natures**

and

2. **one is in the image of God**

Mixed motives are better than purely selfish motives,

Galatians 5:17

“For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and he Spirit against the flesh; for these are **in opposition to one another**, so that you may not do the things that you please.”

1. **that know no restraint**

and

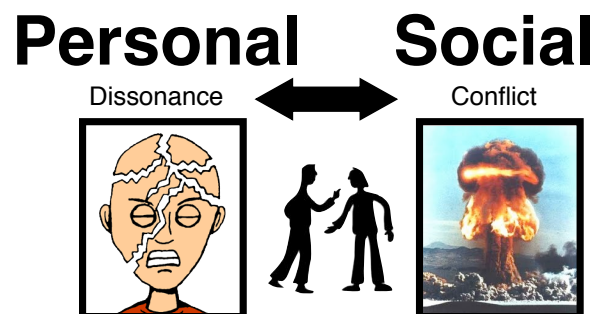
2. **harden the heart.**

Observation #2

Personal dissonance gives us insight into social conflicts and their solution.

James 4:1

“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? **Is not the source your pleasures that wage war** on your members?”



Three questions for conflict resolution

✓ **Are we willing to recognize our fears?**

Love heals broken relationships.
Love is blocked by fear.
Fear lies at the foundation of the failure to love.

✓ **Are we willing to reveal our fears?**

Fellowship with God = confessing our failures.
Fellowship with man = confessing our fears.

✓ **Are we willing to respect our fears?**

I cannot move you without addressing your fears.
You will not move me until you address mine.

Observation #3

Dissonance
(cognitive, social & moral)
draws us
to the Gospel -
transferring our hope
from self to Christ.

The fact that we have an appetite for the Kingdom is our first step toward the King.



Dissonance is removed by the Word of the Cross

- which is at the heart
of the Power of the Spirit.



1.
the Cross
of Christ

and



2.
the hope
of glory.

1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”



1 Corinthians 1:30

“But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”

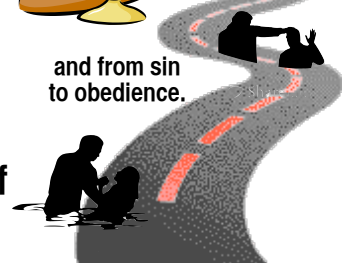


Repentance is
turning



and from sin
to obedience.

from self
to God



Observation #4

**Dissonance
pressures us to grow.**

- with eyes on the Spirit
not on the flesh.

Review

**Appreciate
the human dignity
embedded in dissonance.**

Through moral stress
we see the image of God
in us.

Review

**Appreciate
the Gospel
embedded in dissonance.**

Shame is God's tool before
conversion and Satan's after.

Review

**Appreciate
the peacemaker tools
embedded in dissonance.**

Social conflict can be
resolved by understanding
the power of dissonance.

Review

**Appreciate
the invitation to grow
embedded in dissonance.**

Without pain,
grace, & vision
we don't change.

**God grades
on the Cross
not on the curve.**

*Because God takes your baptism seriously, when He looks
at you, He sees His Son where you may see only your sin.*



*He invites you
to do the same.*