

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9.

We can share in another's guilt by our silence.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10.

Love is the answer to each of the commandments of God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20.

We must speak the truth in love.



Points for Reflection

The **First Reading** warns us that true self-love urges us to help our erring neighbour. To do nothing to prevent evil when we could do so is to share in it. But how should we go about it? Correction cannot be flung about indiscriminately.

In the **Gospel Reading** Jesus shows us how. The first step is private dialogue. The second and third moves are extreme moves and can be taken only when competent authority judges these moves to be the best for the community and the welfare of the brother.

Love must be the motive behind all correction, and **Paul's Letter to the Romans** helps to put the other Readings into perspective. If you do not love your brother, never be his keeper.

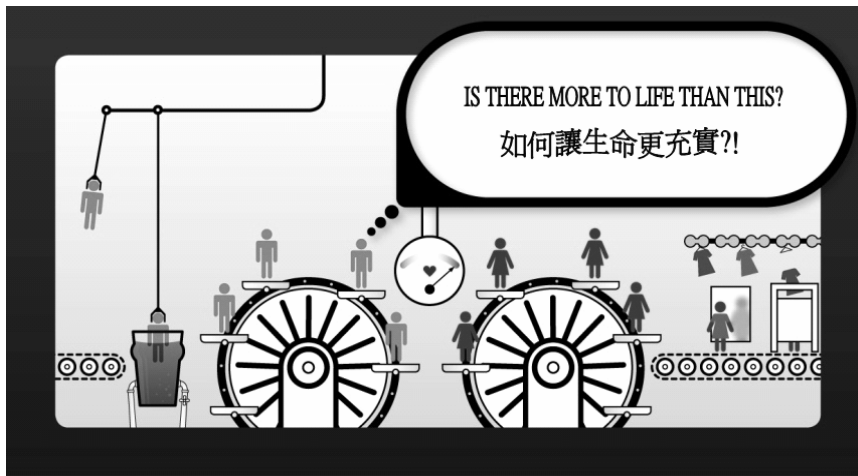
An author, Herbert F. Smith, S.J., gives us "Twelve Guidelines for Brotherly Correction":

01. Unless you are a model correction taker, be slow to give it.
02. Correct like a friend and fellow sinner, not like an enemy.
03. Knowing how you resent unjust correction, never inflict it.
04. Harping on past faults is not correction, but condemnation.
05. Know that love wins over better than an army of accusations.
06. Get help to correct when it is needed.
07. Frame the correction so it will heal and not wound further.
08. Decide first whether the person needs correction or help.
09. Correct infrequently, and only the greater failings.
10. Correction hurts, so don't correct with a sledgehammer.
11. Think how prayerfully Mary would correct, and imitate her.
12. Put yourself in the culprit's shoes and think about it. You may end up congratulating him for not being worse!

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