

Root Causes

Prov 10:9

Prov 10:9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

Story – Seeing a tree cut down to the base, but small twigs sprouting up....the root was still connected, something was going to grow from it

Discerning Levels of Conflict

1. SURFACE PROBLEMS (Visible Actions)

Wrong Clothing	<i>Not the root problem</i>
Flattery	<i>Exaggerated praise for ulterior motives</i>
Profanity	<i>Establish my glory at God's expense</i>
Dishonesty	<i>Deep inner conflict</i>
Disrespect	
Debt	
Runaways	
Wrong music	<i>Expression of what is in the heart</i>
Bad Habits	
Arguments	

2. SURFACE CAUSES (Attitudes)

Inferiority	<i>False comparisons</i>
Anger	<i>Alarm system</i>
Fear – Worry	<i>Fear of the wicked will come upon him</i>
Rebellion	<i>Refusing to know God as God</i>
	<i>Reserving for myself to make final decisions</i>
Envy – Jealousy	<i>Create false gods</i>
Boredom	<i>Pass time of America</i>
Insecurity	<i>Building life on volatile things</i>
Guilt	<i>Spirit still us we are guilty</i>
Frustration	<i>Things aren't going right</i>

3. ROOT PROBLEMS (Character)

1. Bitterness	(Anger)	<i>Pride of Life</i>
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| 2. Temporal Values | (Greed) | <i>Lust of Eyes</i> |
| 3. Moral Impurity | (Lust) | <i>Lust of Flesh</i> |

4. ROOT CAUSE (Wrong Response to God)

Resisting God's Grace

Heb 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

James 4:6 God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Violating Scriptural Principles

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments:

Natural Inclinations

1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Freedom, Money, Honor, Life, Boss - Mine

Matt 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

PHILOSOPHY – will justify problems that cannot be conquered