

Some Difficult Church Situations

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1. What is the general emotional and spiritual health of the persons in leadership?
2. Are the leaders men who are *wounded* or men who are *broken* before God?
 - We are all wounded but some of us are *healed*.
 - Men who are wounded and healed are broken before God.
 - Men who are not healed are defensive and proud and driven.
 - Saul was a wounded man. David was a broken man.
 - Wounded men throw spears. Broken men do not throw spears.
3. What is the emotional and spiritual health of the women?
 - Are the women submissive or are they controlling?
 - Controlling women will quietly destroy families and the church.
 - Passive husbands produce controlling women.
 - Men with controlling wives are quietly angry men who will try to control decisions.
 - Controlling women can produce passive sons.
4. Passive fathers and controlling mothers can produce angry children
 - Many young men are angry at their parents
 - This anger shows itself in many different ways
 - Violence (usually vicarious), immorality, passive resistance, etc.
5. Wounded men are afraid of healed men.
 - Wounded men use threats and intimidation to control situations
 - Healed men are not afraid of threats and intimidation
 - Healed men are not controllable by threats
 - Healed men are not afraid of death
 - Because healed men are already dead
 - Healed men pity wounded men
 - Because they remember when they themselves were wounded and not healed
6. Are the lessons/sermons based on Scripture or are they human ideas?
7. Are the Spiritual gifts God has placed in the congregation being used by the church?

These are just some questions that will help to determine underlying causes of stresses in a congregation. Many times if underlying issues can be corrected the problems can be understood and managed.