

- God \_\_\_\_\_ us as humans to be relational.
- If your relationships are contentious and unhealthy, you will have a miserable life. But on the other hand, if your relationships are healthy and vibrant, it will lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ and peaceful life.
- The Pharisees were like sandpaper relationally.
   Unfortunately, we all have some Pharisee in us. It is called the \_\_\_\_\_!
- But God's Spirit can change us, if we truly desire to change and have healthy relationships in life.
- Let's take the negative example of the Pharisees in this chapter and turn it into some positive principles that will revolutionize our relationships.

## First, never stop being a \_\_\_\_\_

 A Pharisee is not a learner. Because of this, they are stuck in wrong attitudes and unhealthy patterns of behavior that make healthy relationships impossible.

•	When you quit learning and,
	you're stuck! We must continue to be learners.

- "Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

  Proverbs 9:8-9
- In the Bible, a "scorner" carries the idea of somebody that is stubborn, and who will not receive instruction.
- "Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease."

Proverbs 22:10

- So what is the first key to healthy relationships?
  - Never stop being a \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you desire to be a learner? Come back next week for part 2 of this message!



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