

## "Today I Sinned"

My CELL-MATE ONCE AGAIN FAILED to report to work at his Prison Industries job. He has BEEN 'cut loose' by EVERYONE he EVER KNEW, he NEEDS his job. He keeps TELLING ME - why I don't know - that so + so FAILED in their responsibility to see to it he MADE it to work. He played the victim and attempted to pull me into his MESS.

After listening to him inform me of all those at fault for him not reporting to work ALL day, I had a talk with him. I told him about taking responsibility for his life and his NEED to own his choices. I pointed out his ERROR and put the responsibility squarely on his SHOULDERS where it belongs.

I spoke the right words in exactly the wrong way - ONCE AGAIN! As a result of my choice to sound off "in the flesh" rather than "according to the spirit" I robbed my cellie of wise counsel and an opportunity for him to grow. Today I Sinned.

In frustration, self-discouragement and repentance I sought God. He helped me to a resolution - or showed me how to come to a resolution.

## Solving A Problem; Facing A Situation; Addressing A Circumstance

1) At first sign of unrest or inner turmoil about or because of something, anything, or whatever

- ① "KEEP SILENT" (Jm. 1:19; Pro. 10:19 + 18:2; Eph 4:29)
  - ② "SEEK SOLITUDE to work thru it" (Lk 6:12)
  - ③ "PRAY - OPEN THE CHANNEL" (Phil 4:6-7)
  - ④ "PRAY FOR CLARITY" - identify, in writing, the true issue (Pro 18:15)
  - ⑤ ASK HOLY SPIRIT FOR WISDOM
  - ⑥ List possible solutions/resolutions
  - ⑦ SEEK COUNSEL if possible
  - ⑧ MAINTAIN SILENCE UNTIL ANSWER COMES.
  - ⑨ Write out "Problem"; "Solution"; "Wisdom used" (Pro 21:5 + 19:8)
  - ⑩ PRESENT SOLUTION - PRAYERFULLY - if applicable
  - ⑪ COMMIT it to God
  - ⑫ MOVE ON - PEACE should be achieved.
  - ⑬ STILL BOTHERED, REPEAT ABOVE
- \* speak only in knowledge + wisdom which should equal understanding