

HOW DO YOU HANDLE MISTAKES

FOCAL PASSAGE: Acts 3:17

BIBLICAL TRUTH: Love your brothers even when they act in ignorance and help them to repent.

LIFE IMPACT: To look at mistakes as an opportunity, to teach and learn from so they are not repeated out of ignorance in the future.

Acts 3:17, *“Now, brothers I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.”*

We know that mistakes are going to be made; in fact we may even make a few ourselves. But when mistakes are made out of ignorance how are we going to handle it?

We could go off and blast the person up and down and degrade them. And by the time we finish with them they will probably be so mad and upset they forget all about the mistake and now they are more focused on how they were treated. And this will likely cause the mistake to reoccur.

Or we could stay calm and take this opportunity to give the person the benefit of the doubt and show them where the error was made, and let them explain how it was made. Use this opportunity as a teaching moment by allowing them to redo the work they will become more productive and may prevent this same error from happening again.

There is nothing final about a mistake except its being taken as final.

-- Phyllis Bottome

PRAY— That when errors or mistakes happen you will help me to stay calm and use situation as a opportunity to teach someone that may not know any different.