

# LIFE IN THE BOX SELF-DECEPTION

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Matthew 7:1-5 (TPT) Refuse to be a critic full of bias toward others, and judgment will not be passed on you.

2 For you'll be judged by the same standard that you've used to judge others. The measurement you use on them will be used on you. 3 Why would you focus on the flaw in someone else's life and yet fail to notice the glaring flaws of your own? 4 How could you say to your friend, 'Let me show you where you're wrong,' when you're guilty of even more? 5 You're being hypercritical and a hypocrite! First acknowledge your own 'blind spots' and deal with them, and then you'll be capable of dealing with the 'blind spot' of your friend.

## SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF SELF-BETRAYAL

**1. SELF-BETRAYAL IS AN ACT \_\_\_\_\_ TO WHAT I FEEL I SHOULD DO FOR ANOTHER.**

**2. WHEN I BETRAY MYSELF, I BEGIN TO SEE THE WORLD IN A WAY THAT \_\_\_\_\_ MY SELF-BETRAYAL.**

**3. WHEN I SEE THE WORLD IN A SELF-JUSTIFYING WAY, MY VIEW OF REALITY BECOMES \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. WHEN I BETRAY MYSELF, I ENTER \_\_\_\_\_.**

**5. OVER TIME, CERTAIN BOXES BECOME CHARACTERISTIC OF ME, AND I \_\_\_\_\_ WITH ME.**

**WE DON'T SEE PEOPLE STRAIGHTFORWARDLY, AS \_\_\_\_\_. RATHER, WE SEE THEM IN TERMS OF THE SELF-JUSTIFYING IMAGES \_\_\_\_\_.**

**IF PEOPLE ACT IN WAYS THAT \_\_\_\_\_ THE CLAIM MADE BY A SELF-JUSTIFYING IMAGE, WE SEE THEM AS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**IF THEY \_\_\_\_\_ THE CLAIM MADE BY A SELF-JUSTIFYING IMAGE, WE SEE THEM AS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**IF THEY FAIL TO \_\_\_\_\_ TO A SELF-JUSTIFYING IMAGE, WE SEE THEM AS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**IF YOU SEEM TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ IN A GIVEN SITUATION BUT CAN'T IDENTIFY A SENSE YOU \_\_\_\_\_ IN THAT MOMENT, THAT'S A CLUE THAT YOU MIGHT ALREADY BE \_\_\_\_\_.**

For further thought: What boxes are you \_\_\_\_\_?

**6. BY BEING \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS TO BE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**THE BOX DOESN'T JUST MAKE ME \_\_\_\_\_, IT MAKES ME \_\_\_\_\_.**

**7. IN THE BOX, WE INVITE \_\_\_\_\_ MISTREATMENT AND OBTAIN MUTUAL \_\_\_\_\_. WE \_\_\_\_\_ IN GIVING EACH OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ TO STAY IN THE BOX.**

**WHEN WE ARE IN THE BOX, OUR \_\_\_\_\_ WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ AND OUR \_\_\_\_\_ WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**WE DON'T GET INTO THE BOX BECAUSE WE HAVE \_\_\_\_\_, WE HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE WE GET INTO THE BOX.**

For further thought: What \_\_\_\_\_ have you blamed on others — but exist because of your \_\_\_\_\_?