

## Writings of the Church Fathers

- No one can arrive on the way of truth except through a blameless (righteous) life, that is why people look not at the amount of words, but at our actions.

- *St. John Chrysostom*

- When, looking to us, people can benefit spiritually, and praise God, then we are worthy of greater favor from God.

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- Never say that I have already spoken to him (my neighbor) about correction once, twice, thrice, or many times and accomplished nothing. Never stop speaking, since the more you continue, so greater is your reward. Someone seeing your persistence, perhaps will understand, and affected by your concern, abandon any pernicious behavior.

- *St. John Chrysostom*

- Anyone who wants to be an example for others, must in advance first examine oneself.

- *St. Ephrem the Syrian*

- If you want to lead someone to the truth, weep with him, and with tears and love, mention to him a word or two, but do not engender anger, do not let him see in you any animosity. For love cannot anger, and irritate someone, or to passionately admonish another. The sign of love is humility, which is born in a clear conscience in Christ our Lord.

- *St. Isaac the Syrian*

- Brotherly love consists in doing good to one's enemy, loving them as friends, and as genuine benefactors, so that praying for everyone, those who do you harm, and having a sincere love for all, good and bad alike, and for all, daily devote one's soul for their salvation, ... if possible for all, or then for just one.

- *St. Symeon the New Theologian*

- Everyone is called to obey the Gospel, with sincere humility, to preach the word and give witness to the Truth, even if others hinder this, and persecute you even to death.

- *St. Basil the Great*