

'WHAT IS THAT TO YOU?...FOLLOW ME!' JOHN 21:22 NIV

Peter had strong opinions about others. Maybe you are like him. One day he started meddling in John's business, saying, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus answered, 'What is that to you? . . .follow me.'

There's an important lesson here. Learn to identify 'who owns what! If it's their garden let them mow it or live with the weeds. If someone can only get what they want by playing the martyr or guilt tripping and manipulating others, that's their issue; don't make it yours! If they're living with consequences, it's their consequences not yours! If they deny their problems or can't think clearly on a particular issue, the confusion is theirs. It's your responsibility to love and pray for them, even offer help, but it's not your responsibility to fix or rescue them. If they don't seem capable of showing appreciation or apologising when they're wrong, that's their problem. Only when they have an attitude of gratitude and the humility to acknowledge their mistakes, will they grow. In the meantime it's their garden, stop trying to mow it! If your hopes your peace and your happiness are dependant on anyone other than God, learn to detach. You're a joint-heir with Christ, not a joint-tenant with Him (Romans 8:17).

Has it occurred to you that God could be waiting for you to get out of the way so that He can go to work in their situation? The truth is, you are powerless over them but God's not! He may let them stumble before He lets them, but He'll do what's right and what's best. So follow the Lord and mow your own garden!

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