

# the process of looking closer

## REMAKE YOUR CRAZY MAKER

James 1:2-5 *Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

5 *If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*

inspect the \_\_\_\_\_

give it a \_\_\_\_\_

inspect the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (the root)

how \_\_\_\_\_ does it go?

**TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY ≠ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_**

how much do they \_\_\_\_\_?

is it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

be aware of resistance \_\_\_\_\_ as inability

Proverbs 15:33 *Fear of the Lord teaches wisdom; humility precedes honor.*

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>
My boyfriend drinks too much	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He hasn't become an adult yet</li> <li>• He is medicating internal pain</li> </ul>
My ex-wife makes custody issues a nightmare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She wants to punish</li> <li>• She is obsessive and overly concerned</li> </ul>
My husband is withdrawn and distant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is unable to open up emotionally</li> <li>• He is self-absorbed</li> </ul>
My wife sees every problem as my fault and blames	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She feels powerless and projects blame</li> <li>• She refuses to look at her own contributions</li> </ul>
Nothing I do is good enough for my boss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is critical</li> <li>• He is isolated from relationship in his life</li> </ul>
A co-worker is spreading lies about me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She does not confront people directly</li> <li>• She sees people as black and white</li> </ul>
My husband is putting us in financial jeopardy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is impulsive and has little self-control</li> <li>• He lacks empathy for the distress he causes</li> </ul>
I can't depend on my co-worker to carry his load	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is irresponsible and not diligent</li> <li>• He is overwhelmed and says "yes" too much</li> </ul>
My dad scares me with his temper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He intimidates when he needs to admit he is wrong</li> <li>• He avoids feeling helpless when he can't control someone</li> </ul>
My teenaged daughter is out of control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She doesn't have, or refuses, structure and authority</li> <li>• She is disconnected and isolated</li> </ul>
My wife spends too much	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is immature</li> <li>• She is meeting some need in a symbolic way</li> </ul>
My husband is into Internet porn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He retreats to fantasy to avoid some negative reality</li> <li>• He feels helpless and powerless around his wife</li> </ul>
My mom calls and visits too much	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is dependent and has not developed a support system</li> <li>• She is intrusive and has few boundaries</li> </ul>
My girlfriend alternates between clinginess and anger with me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is dependent and has not developed a support system</li> <li>• She is intrusive and has few boundaries</li> </ul>
My friend is indirect about the truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is afraid of the conflict that comes with honesty</li> <li>• He prefers things to be easy than honest</li> </ul>
My partner can't have a discussion without cutting me off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He does not tolerate different opinions well</li> <li>• He feels hated when he is dis-agreed with</li> </ul>
I can't depend on my friend to be reliable and responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She relies on good intentions rather than faithfulness</li> <li>• She overcommits too much</li> </ul>
My adult child is on drugs, or won't get a job and leave home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He feels no concern about taking care of his own life</li> <li>• He does not possess the skills to enter life"</li> </ul>