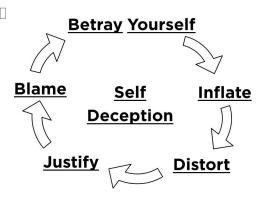
The sin that most effectively diminishes the love and joy of marriage is deception.

The enemy of love and respect is self deception.



What's the common denominator between every "blind spot" in your life? You can't see it.

When you betray your own values, you will respond in one of three ways:

- You'll <u>own</u> it.
- You'll <u>deny</u> it.
- You'll justify it.

Self-deception begins when your pride overpowers your humility.

What you're thinking about – you look for. And what you're looking for – you see!

The minute you betray your values and step into self deception...you begin to inflate your virtues and inflate your spouses <u>faults</u>.

Distortion poisons your perspective on the person you love the most.

A step you could take "out of the box" today:

- 1. Humbly ask <u>God</u> to help you break this cycle.
- 2. Make yourself <u>say</u> the whole truth.
- 3. Make a <u>first effort</u> to break this cycle.

"Five for the Drive" - A family conversation starter for the ride home1. Why are love and respect two of the most important words to use in and for a marriage?

- 2. What are some ways that you show love and respect for your spouse? For your family? For your friends?
- 3. What do you think are some of your possible blind spots in your marriage? In your other friendships and relationships?
- 4. How does staying humble affect the relational dynamic of a marriage? What does it look like to be humble in your marriage?
- 5. Why is it important to be proactive in breaking a cycle of tension and bitterness in a marriage? In any relationship?

Opportunities

Blitz and Element Camp Monday-Friday, July 9-13, R. M. Cooper 4-H Leadership Center, Summerton, SC All upcoming 6-12th graders are invited to join us for camp this summer. The cost is \$290. Registration and final payment are due by June 1.

kidstreet Take it Home: Family Blessings Saturday or Sunday, May 5-6, Main Building, Room 130 Parents, come with your 2 or 3 year old to the kidstreet Caboose classroom during any worship service this weekend to learn ways to pray God's blessings over your child.

Family Fishing Day 7-11 a.m., Saturday, May 5, Henderson Lake This is a great opportunity to share quality time with your family. Catch and release only, please.

Wednesday nights with Kenny Grant May 2 and 9, Worship Center Dinner 5-6:30 p.m., Bible study 6:45-8 p.m. Kenny Grant brings the Word to life with humor and hard truth.

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.