

The Gluing Process

A man once watched his six-year-old son as he built a model airplane. The boy was using a super adhesive glue, and in less than three minutes, his right index finger was bonded to a shiny blue wing of his DC-10. He tried desperately to free it. He tugged it, pulled it, and waved it frantically, but it wouldn't budge. The father soon located a solvent that dissolved the glue and the crisis was over.

Some time later, the father visited a new family in the neighborhood. The father of the new family introduced his three children:

"This is Pete. He's the clumsy one of the lot.

"That's Kathy coming in with mud on her shoes. She's the sloppy one.

"As always, Mike's last. He'll be late for his own funeral, I promise you."

The neighbor to whom the children were introduced noted, "This man did a thorough job of gluing his children to their faults and mistakes."

We see that practice over and over again. Many people feel glued to false guilt and negative self-esteem. Somehow, they can't seem to put the past where it belongs -- behind them, mistakes and all -- and move on.

Don't contribute to this gluing process in your children or those with whom you work. Instead, be one who radiates, in word and deed, the message of God's free gift of unconditional love, forgiveness and spiritual freedom for all who will turn to Him.

Just remember: It's better to work with the construction gang, not the wrecking crew.

--Beecher Hunter