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- * **Dealings with others: (5:21-48)**

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**Pride & Arrogance
Tempts Us To Seek
The Favor of Men
Rather Than God**

◆ Benevolence – 6:2-4

◆ Prayer – 6:5-15

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**The World Can
Have A Negative
Influence Over
our Priorities &
Faith**

◆ Covetousness -6:19-23

◆ Divided heart - 26:4

◆ Anxiety – 6:25-34



Either way - We Forfeit Any Reward From God

Judgment Without Mercy



Matthew 7:1-6

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Matthew 7:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?

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Matthew 7:1-6 (NKJV)

⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. ⁶ Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

Judgment Without Mercy⁷

"Judge not, that you be not judged."

Not Forbidding All Types of Judgment

Wise Discrimination Essential

Look Out For Logs – Dogs – Hogs – Wolves



Mat 7:3



Mat 7:6



Mat 7:6



Mat 7:15-20

Text actually instructs us to make wise discernment!

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"

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Judge: κρίνω -

krinō – Pron: kree'-no Part of Speech: v

- ♦ **Words used in KJV:** judge 88; determine 7; condemn 5; go to law 2; call in question 2; esteem 2; misc 8; [Total Count: 114]
- ♦ **properly to distinguish**, i.e. *decide* (mentally or judicially); by implication to *try, condemn, punish* :- *avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.*

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The Model

Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Do not consider another insignificant or unworthy of mercy –
Do not seek the destruction of another – seek reconciliation –
The same method you use will come back to you!

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." ³⁹ And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?"

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? ⁴² Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye?

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

⁴³ "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



“A hypercritical, hypocritical disease of the soul that constantly finds fault with what others say and do. It is the attitude of the critic who *“arrogantly assumes a superiority that entitles him or her to assess the failings of others,”* [Hare, 76]

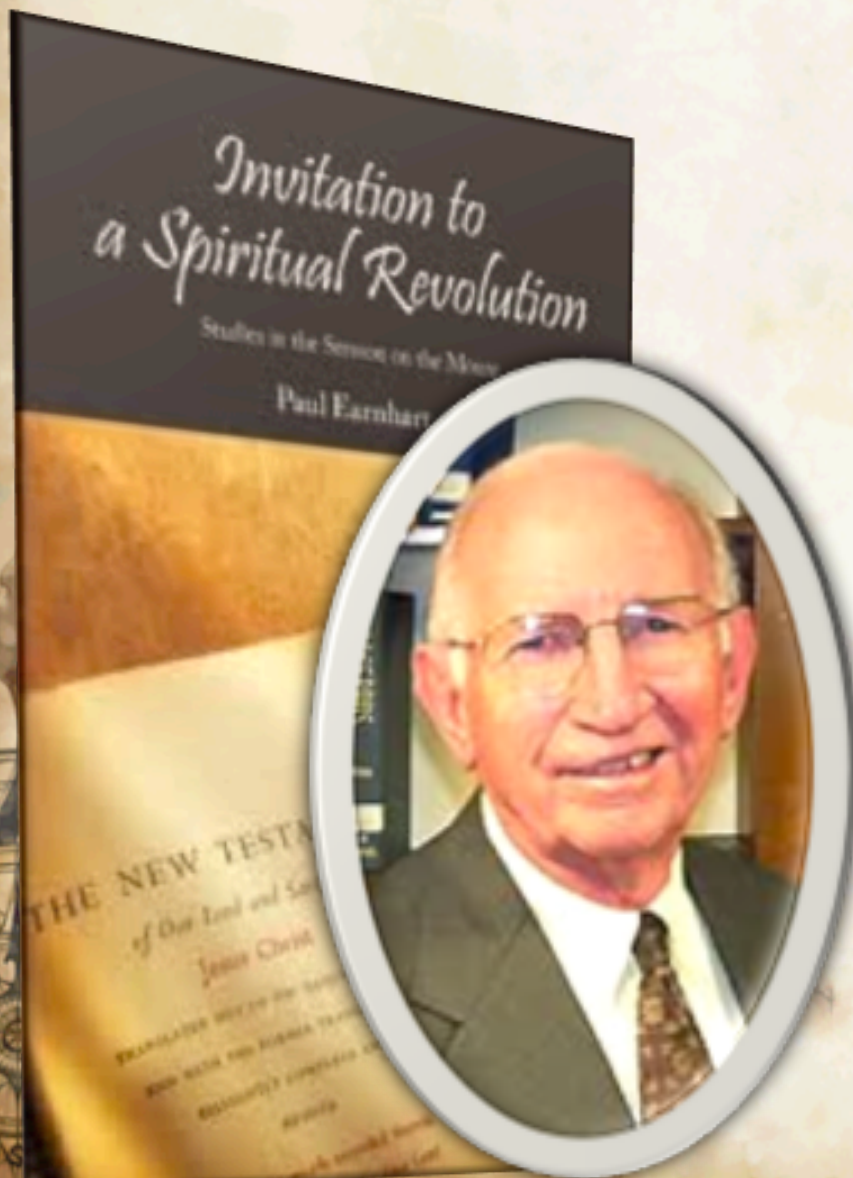
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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"

"Kingdom righteousness should not produce in us a spirit of harsh, censorious judgment toward those who are having a struggle of it."

[Paul Earnheart, "Invitation to A Spiritual Revolution" 118]



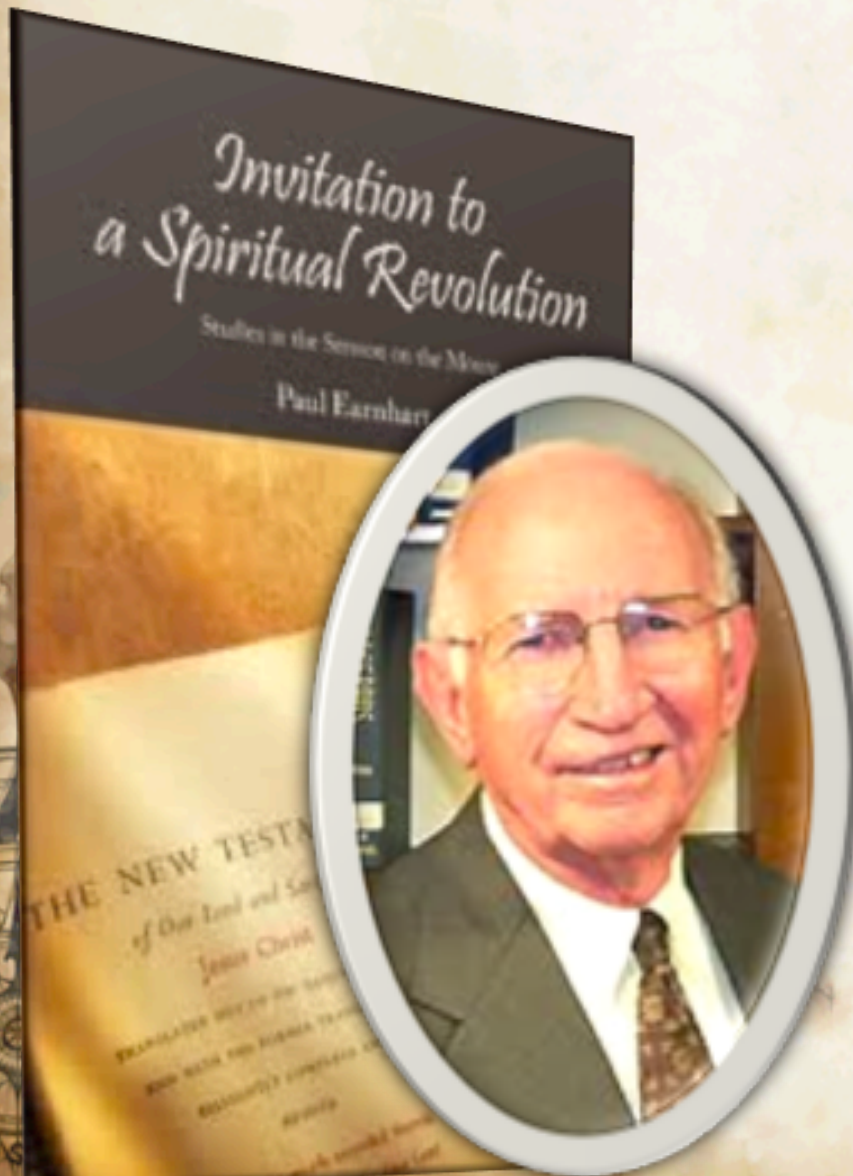
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"Men need to be helped to see the nature of true righteousness, but not by an uncaring and self righteous hypocrite who is more concerned with the sins of others than his own."

[Paul Earnheart, "Invitation to A Spiritual Revolution" 118]



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James 2:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. ¹¹

For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



James 2:10-13 (NKJV)

¹² So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

¹³ For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



James 4:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

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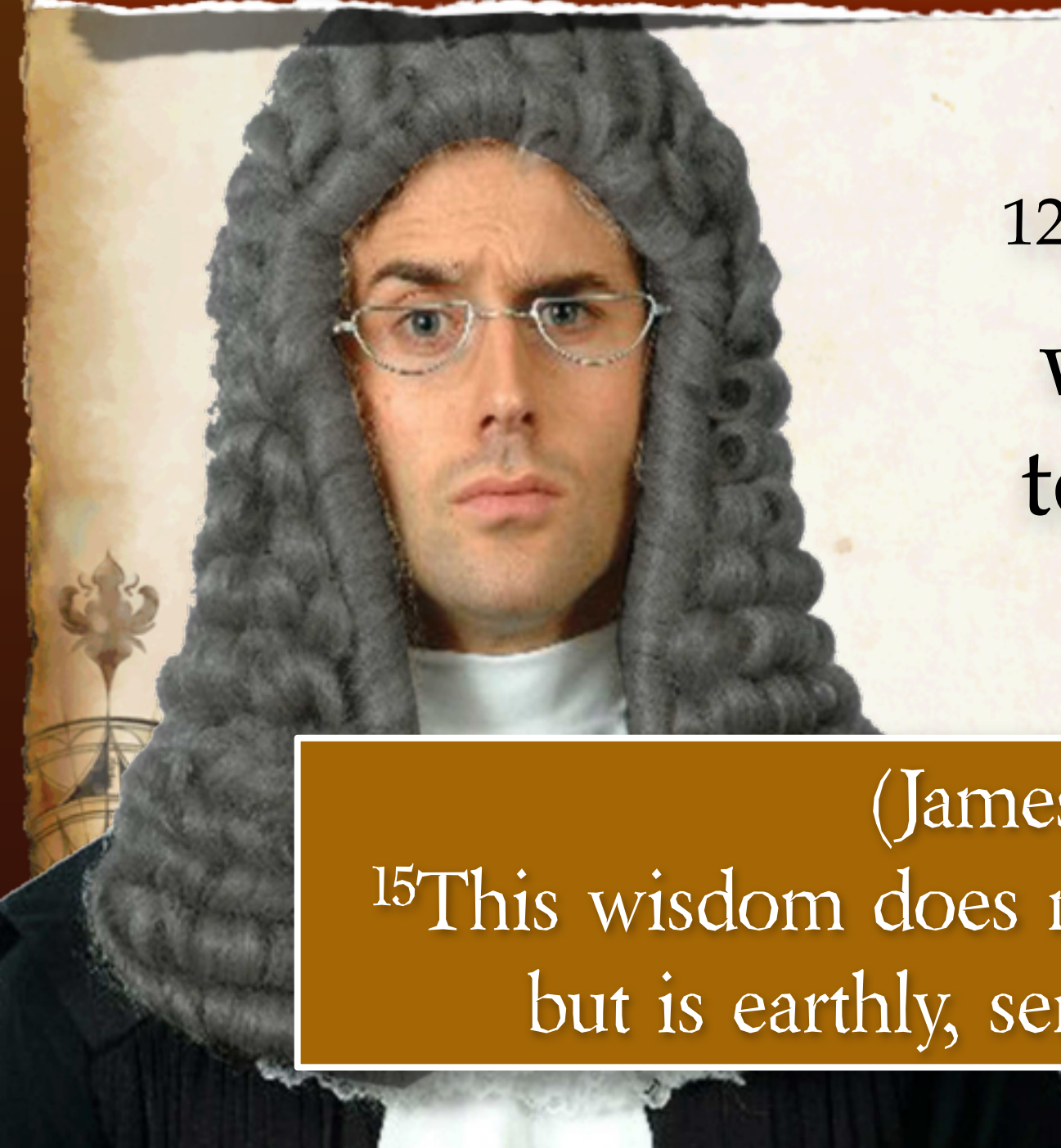
Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"

James 4:11-12 (NKJV)

¹² There is one Lawgiver,
who is able to save and
to destroy. Who are you
to judge another?

(James 3:13-18)

¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above,
but is earthly, sensual, demonic. . . .



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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



- ◆ Presumptively -
- ◆ Hastily or rashly -
- ◆ Unmercifully -
- ◆ Magisterially -
- ◆ Hypocritically -

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



“If you harshly judge others, then you can expect to be harshly judged by the Judge of all” – [Hare, 77]

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"

We Bring Condemnation Upon Ourselves

- ◆ If we seek to condemn, belittle, or discard others as insignificant -
- ◆ If we condemn others while we ourselves harbor sin in our hearts -
- ◆ If we are unmerciful in our dealings with others -



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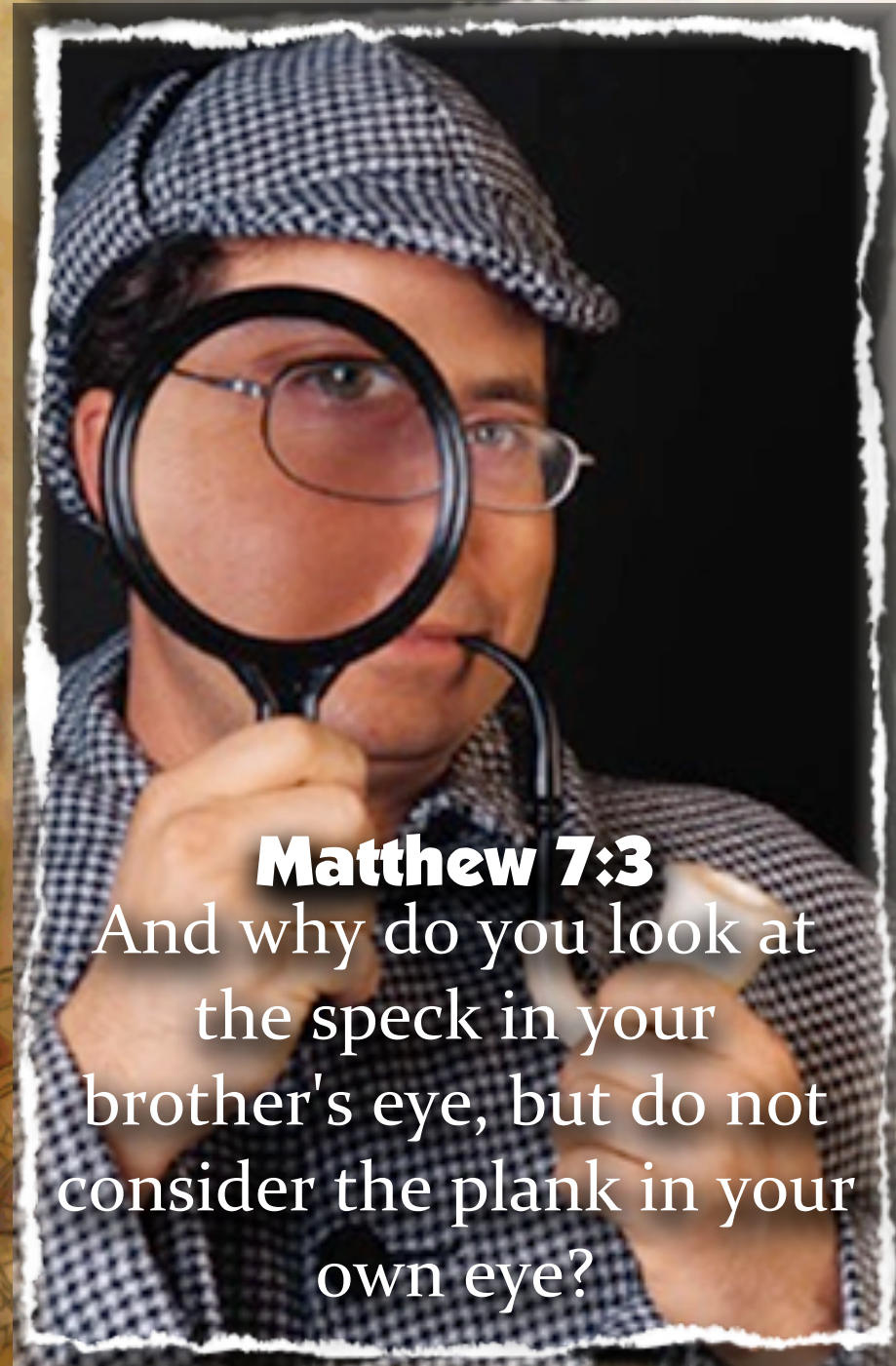
In all our dealings with others, we need to remember that we are not agents of the Lord's judgment, but of His salvation.



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Why Do People Judge (Condemn)?



Matthew 7:3

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

“Why Do You Look?”

- ◆ **Because of our iniquity** – Mat. 7:3; Rom. 2:1-3;
- ◆ **Because of our self righteousness** – Luke 18:9-14; 2 Cor. 10:12
- ◆ **Because of our ignorance** – 1 Cor. 4:3-5; Prov. 18:13; Rom. 14
- ◆ **Because of our insensitivity** – Luke 19:10; Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1-3

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What Is This Text Teaching Us?

- ◆ We must engage in honest & Serious introspection – 2 Cor. 13:5
- ◆ Correcting our own sinful actions and attitudes so we can effectively help others – Gal. 6:1-3
- ◆ We need Sufficient humility to deal patiently with others – Titus 3:2,3



Matthew 7:5

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

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Judgments Must Be Made

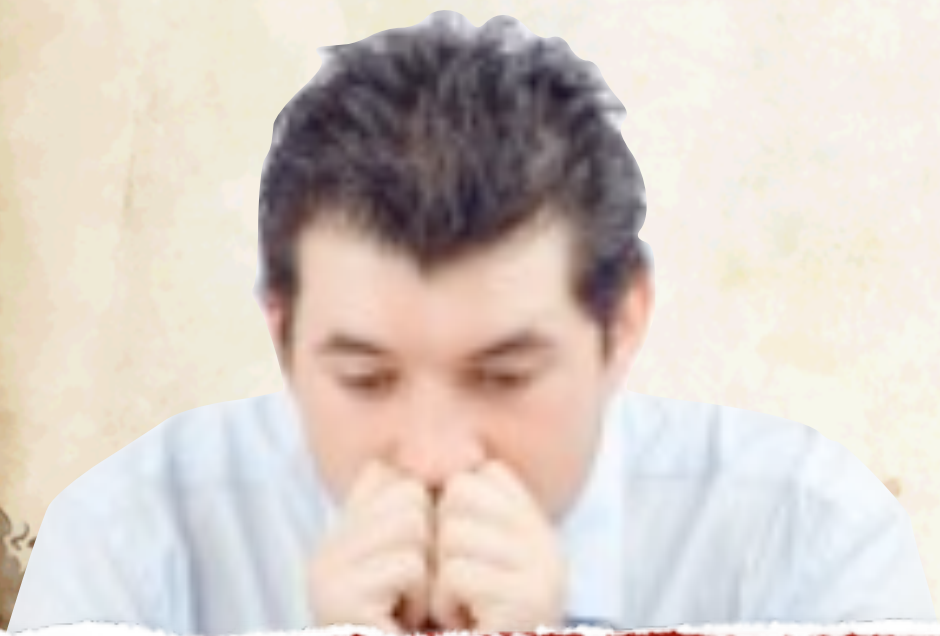
- ◆ With Love and Mercy
- ◆ With Knowledge of God's Law,
- ◆ With Knowledge of Circumstances -
(*not presumption*)
- ◆ With Substantial Evidence -
- ◆ Without Prejudice –
- ◆ With The Understanding That
Whatever Standard I Use – The Same
Will Be Used Against Me.



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Wise Discrimination Essential

Understood In Everyday Life



Scriptures Require That
We Distinguish Between
Right & Wrong, Truth &
Error, Good & Evil!

Voting

Courts

Business

Finances

Religion

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Wicked Men To Be Identified



Mat 7:6



Mat 7:6

- ✦ Jesus illustrates the futility of trying to offer something of great value to someone incapable of appreciating it.
- ✦ Dogs do not appreciate or regard things holy - Hogs do not appreciate the value of pearls.

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- ◆ Negatively: - Not to press the gospel on uncaring and indifferent ears. (Matthew 10:11-16; 11:15; 13:13-14).
- ◆ Positively – Focus on finding those who are receptive -

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Wicked Men To Be Identified

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? ¹³ But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."



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Wicked Men To Be Identified

Romans 16:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.



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- ◆ We live in a culture in which many hate moral & theological absolutes - (2 Tim. 4:2-4; 2 Jn 3:13)
- ◆ We live in a culture in which the only absolute wrong is to stand up and say – “This is WRONG?”
- ◆ It is NOT unloving to call sin – SIN – it is unloving NOT to!

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Leviticus 19:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

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Not By Appearance, But Righteousness

John 7:21-24 (NKJV)

²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."



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The Spiritual Minded Tests ALL Things

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things,
yet he himself is rightly judged by no
one. ¹⁶ For "who has known the mind of
the LORD that he may instruct Him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.



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God's Word Has Identified Sin

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.



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Test The Teachings of Men

1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits, whether they are
of God; because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.



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God's Word Has Identified Truth

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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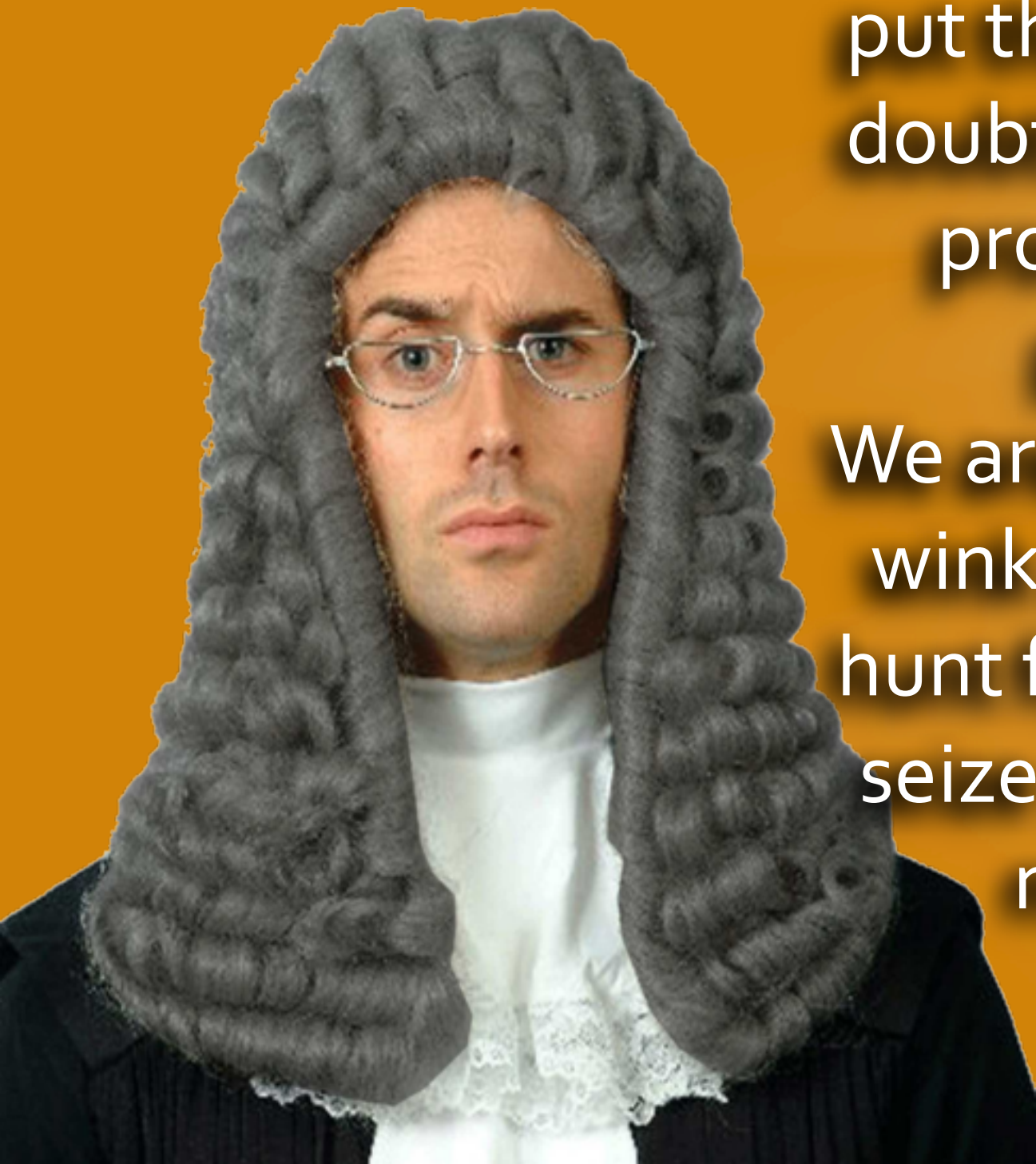
God's Word Has Identified Truth

Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.



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“The law of charity requires us to put the best construction we can on doubtful actions, and never without proof ascribe good ones to evil principles or motives. . . .

We are not to close our eyes to sin or wink at sin – But it is also wrong to hunt for something to condemn and seize upon every trifle and magnify molehills into mountains.”

[Arthur W. Pink, 266]

Judgment Without Mercy⁴²



- ◆ Are you quick to recognize the faults of others – but have difficulty seeing your own?
- ◆ What yardstick are you using to measure others?
- ◆ Do you always watch for those who will be receptive to the gospel
- ◆ ARE YOU RECEPTIVE?

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The Judge Is Coming!!

Acts 17:30-31 (NKJV)

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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The Judge Is Coming!!



- ◆ He knows our sins –
- ◆ He knows our capabilities & shortcomings –
- ◆ He knows our heart –
- ◆ He knows our attitude –
- ◆ Do you need the Lord's mercy and forgiveness?

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Judgment Without Mercy - (7:1-6)

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Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who *"will render to each one according to his deeds"*:

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness-- indignation and wrath,

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.