



MAIN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

We are called not to the judge's _____ but to the servant's _____, washing _____ rather than keeping _____.

When the church becomes known more for what it is _____ and who it excludes than for the radical, disruptive _____ of Jesus, we have drifted far from the _____.

The Log in Your Own Eye

"hypokrites"

originally meant a stage actor wearing a _____ — someone performing a false _____.

The level of moral _____ required to _____ another person is so far beyond what any of us actually possess that the very act of judging _____ our own blind spot.

The only One who has that kind of complete knowledge is _____, and He has not _____ any of us to serve in His place.

We get to _____ people toward Jesus and _____ the Holy Spirit to do the work of _____.

Removing the plank from our own eye is an act of radical _____ that frees us to _____ people instead of _____ them.

Before you _____ sin in others, _____ the spiritual blindness in yourself, because only genuine self-awareness allows you to _____ anyone else see clearly.

You Are Condemning Yourself

Romans 2:1 (NIV)

“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.”

“krinō” (judge)

means both to _____, _____ and to _____.

Moral evaluation without _____ becomes _____.

The law _____ sin; it doesn’t _____ it.

The _____ we find most intolerable in other people are frequently the ones we ourselves are most _____ to, or the ones we have worked hardest to _____.

The _____ to a judgmental spirit is not _____ harder to be nice — it is a deep, settled _____ of receiving God’s mercy, which naturally overflows into mercy for others.

There Is Only One Lawgiver and Judge

James 4:12 (NIV)

“There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?”

You are not _____ for anyone else’s _____.

Judgment creates _____; love creates _____.

Putting down the _____ does not mean we stop _____ about truth or righteousness; it means we stop _____ ourselves as the enforcement arm.

When we put down the _____, we _____ ourselves to pick up something much better — the _____ and the _____ that Jesus used to wash His disciples’ feet.