

"But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, and said, 'Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly'... But they said, 'Stand aside.' Furthermore, they said, 'This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge, now we will treat Genesis 19:6-9 you worse than them"



"Do not judge lest you be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye"

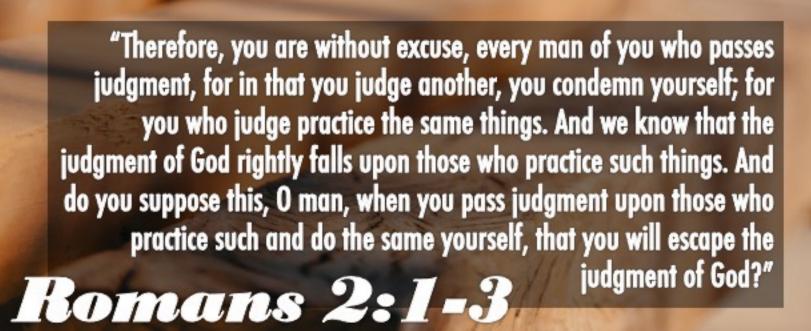
Matthew 7:1-5

"Judge not..." is not Jesus' indictment of all forms of judgment (John 7:24). He is talking about judgments based on suspicion, ill will, envy, or lack of love. We should not be afraid of examination and accountability:

- Ephesians 5:11
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
- 1 John 4:1
- Matthew 10:16

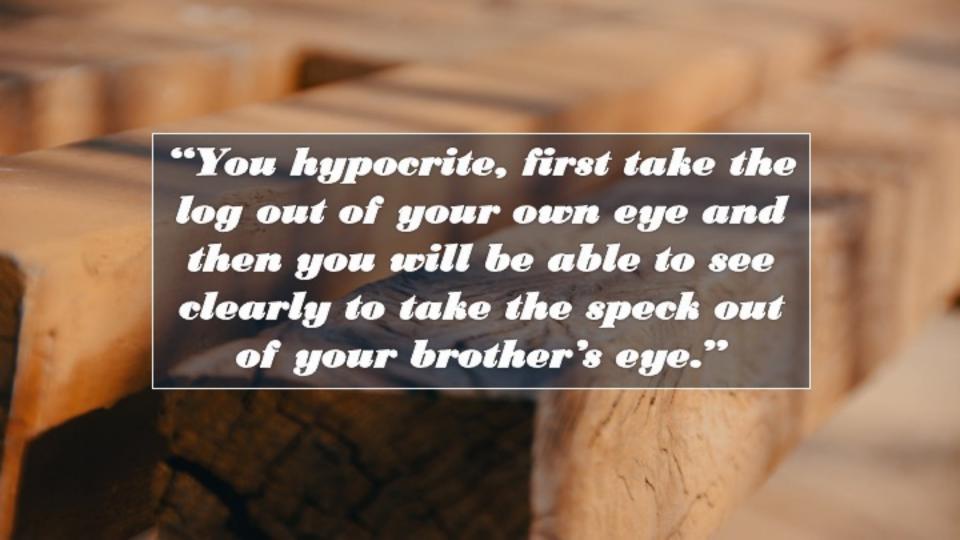
"Judge Me, Recause Judgment Is Helpful"

"Judge Me, But Please Use A Consistent Standard"



"Judge Me, But Make Sure You Can See Clearly Enough To Actually Help"





Two Attitudes

- "Don't judge me!" Proverbs 10:17, 12:1, 15:10, 15:32
- "Please judge me!" Proverbs 13:18, 15:5, 15:31-32
- It is time we embraced sound judgment, even when it is uncomfortable, and welcome the opportunity to become better servants of God. Christ is the ultimate judge of all (John 5:27ff), but we are called to judge situations by His revealed will, and welcome scrutiny into our own lives.