

The Moral of The Story
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A _____ is a story about a _____ topic to teach an important _____.

Mark 4:33-34 NIV

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

The _____ of _____ is like....

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.

The context for this parable is _____ other people.

We are _____ to point out the wrong in _____.

While we _____ the wrong in ourselves.

Matthew 7:15-20 NIV

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

By your _____ you will be known.

There may be times we are called to be _____.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 NIV

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”

We are not called to _____ or _____ those outside of His grace.

We do need to hold each other _____.

Remove the _____ from your eye before you try to help anyone else.

You will see _____ more clearly.

You will see your God-given _____.

You will see His _____ for your world.

You will see the _____ all around you.

Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Resist _____ and embrace _____.