

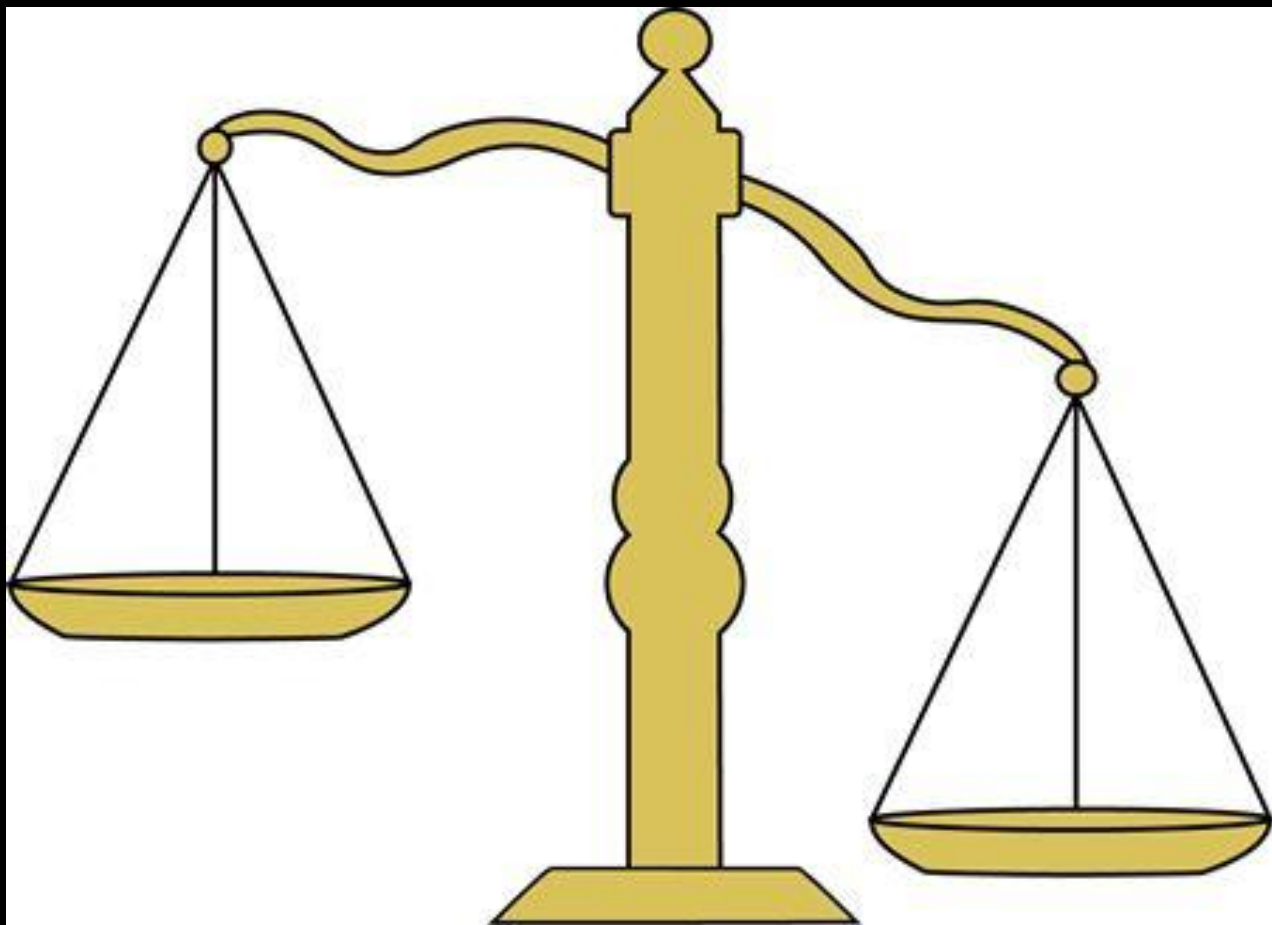
Specks and Planks

**1“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2
For in the same way you judge others, you
will be judged, and with the measure you
use, it will be measured to you. (Matthew
7: 1-2)**

“Do not judge.” 2 reasons:

1) So that you will not be judged

2) The same measure will be applied to you.



Do you evaluate others with
a generous spirit?

1) Everyone is a judge





2) Including you

3) I only think someone is judgmental when their “judgment” disagrees with mine.

4) When someone says, “Don’t judge me,” they are usually involved in something that is displeasing to God, and they don’t want anyone to tell them.

5) After Jesus says, “Don’t judge,” he gives instructions to show his followers the *proper* way to judge.

3 “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? 4 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? 5 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.

Jesus doesn't say, "Don't help your brother take out the speck," but instead he instructs *how* to take out the speck.

6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Paul said: “12 It isn’t my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. 13 God will judge those on the outside... (1 Cor. 5:12)

Paul didn't think that Jesus's instructions "Don't judge," meant "Let people make bad choices and ignore them."

6) The word “judge” has multiple meanings.

1) *Judge* means to evaluate and act on the evaluation.

25 As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision (*krino*) that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality.” (Acts 21:25)

“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” (Literally judged against)

11 “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared.

“Go now and leave your life of sin.”

2) Judge means to Condemn.

7) Condemnation is usually accompanied by Contempt.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. (Rom. 14:10)

How do we judge according to Jesus?

- 1) Be slow to judge, always looking inwardly first.

How do we judge according to Jesus?

2) Use wisdom. Correct judgments are often not received.

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6)

Am I a critical person?

OR

Am I a generous person?

Main Point: Be generous to others just like Jesus is generous to you.