

*"But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Romans 14:10-13 KJV*



We seldom consider when evaluating another person, that is exactly what they do to us. We are generally so focused on our own critique of others' faults we fail to see the mess in our own house. I can't rightly judge another until I am right, myself, and since I am entirely fallible, I cannot ever rightly judge another without applying the same critique to myself, first. Until I am willing to critique myself with the same zeal and standard I critique others, I have no right to open my mouth about anyone to anyone. *¶ And why beholdest thou the mote (speck) that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.* *¶* We are all imperfect in some fashion or other, some more than others, but broken is broken. You may not be a thief or a murderer, but liars are on the list. *¶ The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.* *¶* A fib is a lie! By what do you gauge fault? It has always intrigued me that the forgiven are usually the most judgmental, as if they now, are somehow faultless. Believers may well be viewed faultless through Calvary's lens, but then, so are all believers. Do we then esteem our own judgment of the saints superior to the Divine? Have we even glanced at our own house? I'm sure I wouldn't have to look very hard to find your faults, and you could do the same to me. Fault is easy to find, because we are so fault laden. Should we not rather encourage and provoke good in others rather than tear them further down? *¶ Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.* *¶* Do you like to be reminded of your faults? Praise and kindness are the most valuable tools we have. Love is blind to faults. If all I see is your faults, I do not love you. *¶ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.* *¶* Having the mind of Christ is having love. Servants do not criticize those they serve.

Do not disdain the blinded man,  
But rather take and lead his hand,  
To Jesus Christ whose mercy found,  
And rescued you when you were bound. ~CGP

How did God love us? *¶ God so loved the world, that He gave His ONLY begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* *¶* Part of the *¶* living sacrifice...which is your reasonable service*¶* is living with each other's faults until the Day all believers are rendered complete and spotless before the Throne of God. Don't complain about your neighbor's yard until you fix YOUR lawnmower and mow YOUR grass first!

*"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless."* 2 Peter 3:13-14 KJV