

*"Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." **Romans 14:22 KJV***



It is no great feat to find fault in another *"for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."* Satan is the master finger-pointer and will readily fill your mind with the sins of others, because he wants you to feel comfortable with your own. Those who criticize forget that *"they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."* When you think yourself acceptable, because your sin is not as bad as another's, you have forgotten the Truth, *"All have sinned...there is none righteous, no, not one."* By commending ourselves we fall into Satan's trap. *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* Jesus said, *"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that 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."* Satan wants us watching others so we have little time to listen to the Holy Spirit's convicting Voice about our own sins. *"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. If he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him."* It's not so much how many times you fall but if you got up the last time you did. *ōA just man falleth seven times, AND RISETH UP AGAIN: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.ō* You see, the unbeliever doesn't get back up, because he enjoys his sin! Is that why you don't repent? *ōIf I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.ō* What sin is preventing your answer to prayer?

Let not your faith another's judge,
For if you do, you'll hold a grudge,
You will not love as Christ hath taught,
And all your good will come to naught. -CGP

Is your life ready to be judged by Christ? Until it is, don't sit in judgment upon another's life. *ōWhy 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.ō* Satan wants to keep the Church of Jesus Christ in-fighting so they'll forget about out-reaching. Don't call yourself a Christian if you can't find it in your heart to *"Love one another as [Christ] loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are [Christ's] disciples, if ye have love one to another."* This is the love that *"suffereth long, and is kind; envieth not; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."* The biggest obstacle in the way of Christian love is sin in our own life and forgiveness of others. We refuse to forgive a fellow saint even though we have been forgiven much more. *ōLet nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.ō* Don't think yourself more acceptable just because YOU THINK there is someone else worse!

*"Let NO corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." **Ephesians 4:29-32 KJV***