

"Who Shall Lay Any Thing To The Charge Of God's Elect? It is God that Justifieth." Romans 8:33 KJV



God created and manages every particle in the universe, plans eternity, knows all, forgets naught, but cannot properly discipline His own children? “Ludicrous!” you say? I agree! However, some believers think it’s their duty, to point out other’s infractions. *“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.”* None are without the carnal flesh. *“For ALL have sinned and come short.”* The closer you get to God the more repulsive your sin is! Criticism and gossip are wicked! *“A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul (sledgehammer), and a sword, and a sharp arrow.”* Gossip is saying anything that demeans another behind their back! *“A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.”* God sees every heart and knows every hidden secret. God is longsuffering, if He’s anything, but He’ll not withhold wrath or the consequences of sin indefinitely. Sin will destroy you and your family, or have you forgotten Achan? *“Achan...took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.”* Israel was cursed because of one man’s sin. Many are quick to say, “God Bless America,” forgetting this: His commands are His Blessings that lead to His bountiful provision! God Bless America? Are we not Blessed? Is not His Word freely available to all in the U.S., but how many seek to obey? Before pointing out a brother’s trespasses, remember our Lord’s command. *“Love one another, as I have loved you.”* Love perfects fellowship with our Lord and fellow believers. *“Have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.”* Right or wrong, *“If thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother.”* God is fully capable of handling every child. He knows and sees things you cannot. It is imperative believers *“esteem other better than themselves. Some...commend themselves...measuring themselves by themselves...comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”* Trust God, even when offended. *“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”* The word “ye” is plural. Don’t do it on your own. It requires many to tend a sick person from doctors to family. There must be pray-ers as well as exhorters and instructors. A pastor’s primary functions are to exhort and instruct as well as rebuke and preach. If you think something needs attention, seek God’s face for wisdom, then go to your pastor. *“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.”* The pastor is the over-seer and Jesus is the Master, but *“We shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.”* Will you stand faultless?

The Father loves His ev’ry child,
And when their heart is running wild,
He waits to see them reconciled,
Should e’en it need some little while. ~CGP

It is not ours to find fault, but to uplift and encourage with *“charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.”* All these instructions are to believers for believers. *“God...now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.”* Don’t call yourself a believer, if you do not obey Him! You cannot continue in sin and expect God’s favor! *“The FOOL hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God!’* Ignorance of sin is no excuse! *“For the Wrath of God is revealed from heaven against ALL [sin]...Because that which may be known of God...God hath shewed it unto them... so that they are without excuse.”* All who say “I believe,” and continue in sin, are liars!

“The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9 KJV