

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Corinthians 10:12 no2 KJV

We go to church, observe the brethren, and justify or excuse our own bad behavior by comparing our own conduct with the conduct of others, instead of measuring ourselves by God's Word. The Scripture addresses this behavior sharply. *"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, ARE NOT WISE."* If this is how you operate, you are a fool! You've puffed up your own ego, because you don't act in a particular way or do a particular thing as another does, and so we sit in condemnation of another! *"And why beholdest thou the mote 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 strut around commanding ourselves instead of humbly seeking God's forgiveness of our own shortcomings! We strive to make sure our life pleases others, excusing the harsh thoughts we think of others, as if God doesn't know our thoughts. *"Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. For the Word of God is quick, and powerful...and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Satan is ever so willing to feed the fire of our judgmental attitude by whispering all the flaws of others into our thoughts, so we can feel better about our own miserable sin. Why do you think it is that you are so discerning about others flaws, but totally miss your own? It's because your nose is in their business instead of God's Word! If we strive to walk in the Light with God, we'll have no time to inspect the lives of others! God has given specific instructions on how to handle disobedience: *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual (obedient), restore (not criticize) such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Be sure your sin will find you out!"* If you have a condescending attitude about helping others, remember, *"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."* God will not deal with another's sin until He deals with yours! What He does with other saints is none of my business! *"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."* God may let you fall into the same trap so watch your step, not another's!



With haughty stance we judge amiss,
And bring calamity to bliss,
By not recalling what was done,
When we ourselves to Christ did come! ~CGP

Fault is easy to find, because *"there is none righteous (you included).! By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love one to another. He which converted the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. Love one another as I have loved you."* Don't condone another's sin, but humbly reach out and restore, if possible, knowing this, but by the grace of God, there go I!

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."
John 15:11-14 KJV