

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Matthew 7:2 **For the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

Heavenly Father up above, I want to thank You , praise You, and bless You, for the inspiration You have given me to write this journal for the last three years, It has been a blessing to me, to be able to share Your word with others ,in hope that Your seeds will grow. Father again, I thank you in the name of Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.....Amen

JUDGING OTHERS By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

This month with God's divine inspiration, I will be talking about another real important subject in our Christian walk, and that is, judging others. It is real important to understand how we as God's people from time to time, seem to be judging others. Most of the time, when the moment is right, our evil side falls prey to passing judgement on others. Some times all it takes, is having general conversation with friends, family, or whom ever, to start judging others. It usually starts out real innocent, then our inherited evil nature starts to take over, and can turn a simple conversation into a sin. Check it out, the next time you get involved in talking to other people. We all believe in our own little evil minds, that because a person isn't doing the things the way we do them, our evil nature again, convinces us that we are better then that person or persons. Well let me tell you something according our God and Creator above, that's not the way God sees it. According to the Bible in Luke 6:37 the Lord says. **“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.”** That piece of scripture can not be any more clearer, than it is. The Lord is trying to convey a very important message for all of us to learn by. As simple as the scripture is written, about not judging and condemning others, the harder it is to maintain without the word of God present in our lives daily. I myself sometimes, still see myself being drawn into judging and condemning others. The only thing that helps me from not getting to deep into this area, is the word of God. It helps me to stop, before I get too involved with this sin. I use to have a real hard time in this area. Before knowing Christ, I would be judging everybody! By knowing the Lord's will, now when I start to judge others, the Holy Spirit reminds me of my sin. Once He reminds me of my sins, all I have to do is say I am sorry from the bottom of my heart, and it is forgiven. Now if I to continue, judging and condemning others, my sins will never be forgiven. This is what the scripture clearly tells us, about not forgiving others.

Luke 6: 41-42 “ Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your eye? How can you say to your brother, let me take the speck out of your eye, when you fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brothers eye.

Something that I find and see in all human nature, has to do with this scripture. It seems that we all suffer from tunnel vision with respect to this scripture. How many times a day, do we all fail to see the plank in our own eyes, and the speck in our brothers and sisters eyes?

I don't know about you, but I still also struggle with this sin. What the Lord is trying to tell us, is the fact that every human being on this earth has had or has problems with this sin. The Lord means all of us, from the highest spiritual leaders in this world, to the poor souls living in the darkest places. No one is exempt, not even the Pope. You see we all fall so short in the eyes of God and His perfection. We are all the same, we are all sinners. It doesn't matter that your sins are less than your brothers or sisters, they still are sins. It is like someone stealing some candy from a store, and another person has a gun and robs the whole store, it is still considered stealing. I know what you are thinking, but Dennis the one who is only stealing some candy, is not as bad as the person with the gun. The person with the gun stands to get either shot during the robbery, or eventually when he finally gets caught, will spend a lot of time in jail, that is the only difference. You see that is what this scripture is really trying to tell all of us. We think that the one that is only stealing the candy is better off in the eyes of God, than the one with the gun? In the eyes of God, we all are guilty as charged! So the next time you start to point the finger at your brothers and sisters for something you think they may have done, first take the plank out of your own eye. About God's Righteous Judgment, this can be found in Romans 2:1-3 the Lord says:

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. 2:2 Now we know that God's judgment against those who do the same things is based on the truth. 2:3 So when you a mere man pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

The Lord is trying to tell all of us in this scripture, that are judgment concerning others, is really only are personal opinion, nothing more, nothing less. It really doesn't carry any weight next to God's Righteous Judgment! So you see my brothers and sisters, basically our judgment about others, will always be to no avail. So starting today, lets all try and leave all the judgment to the **Righteous Judge Above**.

Let us pray: Father thank you again for this months message to your people. May Your love ,grace, mercy, and understanding, help us all do better about judging our neighbors. May Your Holy Spirit dwell in all of us, to help us be aware, of our unrighteous judgment towards others. May we all continue to grow in Your light. I ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior,.....Amen.

SEPTEMBER'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

God Hates Sin *By Billy Graham*

Psalm 32:5 **I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden.**

We live in an age when sin is winked at and where God is treated as one who is indulgent, soft hearted, and understanding—tolerant of those who break His commandments. People today find it difficult to believe that God hates anything, much less sin. The image many people have of Him is of a rather senile old grandfather who shakes his head in amusement when his grandchildren misbehave.

But I will tell you that God has not forgotten about sin, though some may pretend that it doesn't exist. God hates sin. Why? Because He loves us, and He knows the terrible devastation sin brings to us.

Sin is like a deadly cancer, inexorably bringing suffering and death in its wake. Left unforgiven, sin also sends men and women into a timeless eternity apart from God—into Hell. God hates sin, because He hates what it does to us! Confess your sin today. Don't wait. Receive God's forgiveness and restoration so that you might be of use to Him and enjoy His love forever.

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ'S FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Proverbs 11:23 **The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath.**

Proverbs 10:3 **The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but He thwarts the craving of the wicked.**

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