THE QUESTION

Should Christians compare themselves with others, or examine themselves?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The early writers here put self-examination first. They tell believers to judge themselves, test their own conscience and motives, and grow more humble instead of ranking themselves above others. They do not forbid all judgment of wrong, but it must be fair, without favoritism, and only after dealing with one's own faults.

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Be a judge of yourself first

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian turns the question around on people quick to judge others. Before looking at anyone else, he tells them to look into the hidden places of their own conscience and name their own sins.

1 “You who judge others, be for once a judge of yourself also. Look into the hiding places of your own conscience.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Test your own conscience and motives

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria says both teacher and hearer must test themselves, as Paul asks before the Lord's Supper. A teacher should ask whether he speaks out of rivalry or vanity, and he repeats Paul that those who judge themselves will not be judged.

2 “Therefore, both people must test themselves.”

later in the same passage

“A person's own conscience is the best guide for choosing rightly or for avoiding something.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 1.1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 8, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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3 “But if we judge ourselves, we will not be judged.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 1.1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 10, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Gifts should make us humbler, not prouder

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Ignatius knows his own place and refuses to measure himself against the bishop he writes to. Clement of Rome adds that the more gifted someone seems compared with others, the humbler he should become.

4 “I know my own position and do not compare myself to you.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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5 “Let a man be faithful; let him be powerful in the utterance of knowledge; let him be wise in judging words; let him be pure in all his deeds; yet the more he seems superior to others in these respects, the more humble-minded he ought to be, and seek the common good of all, not just his own advantage.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 32, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Remove your own beam before helping others

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Gospel harmony keeps Christ's picture of the beam and the speck. A person is told to deal with his own large fault first. Only then can he see clearly enough to help a brother.

6 “You hypocrite, first take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck from your brother's eye.'”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 10 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Judge not does not mean approve sin

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus explains that Christ's warning does not stop us from naming sin or forbid agreeing with wrongdoing. The Gospel harmony sets the line: no hypocritical judging, but righteous judgment is still called for.

7 “The meaning is not that we should not find fault with sinners, nor that we should consent to those who act wickedly; but that we should not pronounce an unfair judgment on the plans of God, because He has arranged that all things will turn out for good, in a way consistent with justice.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 7, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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8 “Do not judge with hypocrisy, but judge with righteous judgment."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 28 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Any judging must be fair and impartial

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Didache asks believers to judge rightly and not play favorites when they correct wrongdoing. The church manual warns that unjust condemnation turns back on the one who passes it.

9 “You shall judge righteously. You shall not show partiality when reproving transgressions.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 4 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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10 “For if you condemn others unjustly, you pass sentence against yourselves.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 21, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Do not size people up by appearance

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria warns against deciding who is worthy, since we may be wrong. He tells believers not to turn away from someone who looks poor, plain or weak, because God dwells within.

11

"Do not decide for yourself who is worthy and who is not. You may well be wrong in your opinion."

later in the same passage

"And if a person appears destitute, badly clothed, ugly, or weak, do not let your soul be repulsed by this and turn away."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 33 (c. 190–215 AD)
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The right comparison puts yourself in their place

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Lactantius gives one healthy kind of comparison. Measure how others feel by how you feel, and judge yourself by the same rule you would use for them. This builds fairness, not pride.

12

"Instead, you should measure another person's feelings by your own."

later in the same passage

"If it is painful to suffer an injury, and the one who has done it seems unjust, then apply to another person what you feel about yourself, and apply to yourself what you judge about another person."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 60 (c. 290–320 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages speak of sin, conscience, humility and fair judgment; they do not give rules for comparing talents, looks or success.
- Most of them are short warnings rather than full teaching on self-examination.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 32 early Christian passages and 167 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–32, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 33–130, in Bible order), then 69 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *32 passages from 17 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 4 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** shall judge righteously, you shall not respect persons in reproving for transgressions… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “I know my own place, and do not compare myself with such as you… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 3*

3 *Epistle to the Philippians* (1885 English) mindful of what the Lord said in His teaching: “Judge not, that ye be not judged… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 4–6*

4 *Diatessaron* 10 **Quote 6, page 3** “his master. Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the beam that is in your own eye? Or how… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Diatessaron* 10 (1885 English) “Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged: Luke 6:37b condemn not, that you be not condemned: 14 Luke 6:38 forgive, and it shall be forgiven… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Diatessaron* 28 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “7:24 Judge not with hypocrisy, but judge righteous judgement… [continues online] **read ›**

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Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 7*

7 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 7, page 4** “namely, the heretics) the word of the Lord applies, which says: “You hypocrite, first take the beam out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 8–10*

8 *Stromata* 1.1 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** “Corinthians 11:27-28 It therefore follows, that every one of those who undertake to promote the good of their neighbours, ought to consider whether he has betaken himself to… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 33 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** “by offering to all in turn that need, you must of necessity by all means find some one of those who have power with God to save… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Stromata* 1.1 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “if we judge ourselves, we shall not be judged… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 11–12*

11 *Apology* 39 (on point 4) “they were never going to die." But a person sees the speck in another's eye more easily than the beam in his own. Why, the very air is made… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Ad Nationes* 20 (on point 4) “other side of the matter. From there comes full knowledge, which both gives counsel and guides judgment. In fact, it is one of your own principles that no one should… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 13*

13 *Refutation of All Heresies* 1 (on point 4) “most heretics do not use the Lord's counsel, but have a beam in the eye, as in Matthew 7:3-4 and Luke 6:41-42, and claim that… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 14–15*

14 *Oration to Origen* 1 (on point 3) in truth, I would only injure the man if, just so that I might say something grander about him, I compared his blessed life with the failures of others. We… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *On Matthew 6:22-23* 1 (1885 English) “is to say, if the love which seems to you to be light is really a work meet for darkness, by reason of some hypocrisy concealed in you, what must… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 16–19*

16 *Epistles* God, who is not mocked and who looks into a man's heart, will judge those matters that we have examined imperfectly, and the Lord will correct the sentence of… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** “You who judge others, be for once also a judge of yourself… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 3) “2:5 And the Lord, in His Gospel, blames and condemns men of that kind, saying, You are they which justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts: for… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Seventh Council of Carthage* 1 thanks for it. It remains, then, that each of us should say on this same matter what he thinks, judging no man, and not excluding anyone from the right of… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 20–24*

20 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) “the bishop himself is an offender, how will he still be able to bring another person's offense to judgment? Or how will he, or his deacons, be able to… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 10, page 4** “if you condemn others unjustly, you pass sentence against yourselves… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 6) the power of judging. For to them it is said, "Judge righteous judgment," and again, "Approve yourselves to be exact money-changers," Zechariah 7:9. But this has not been… [continues online] **read ›**

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23 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 6) “7:24, and elsewhere, "Why do you not even of yourselves judge what is right… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 6) “with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. Matthew 7:2… [continues online] **read ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · source 25*

25 *Writings* (on point 4) “the law of the city, or leave it. You see the speck stuck in our eyes, but you will not see the beam in your own. A treacherous peace is… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · source 26*

26 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) pride, but have the gentle and lowly dispositions of humility, not thinking of themselves more than they ought to think… [continues online] **read ›**

Arnobius, *c. 290–330 AD · source 27*

27 *Against the Heathen* 2 (1885 English; on point 1) “you inquire, examine, search what you are yourselves, whose you are, of what parentage you are supposed to be, what you do in the world, in what way you are… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 28–29*

28 *Divine Institutes* 23 (on point 8) of the two grow accustomed to each other, and let them bear the yoke with equal minds. Let us think of ourselves in the other person. For the highest point… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 60 **Quote 12, page 5** “the first thing is not to injure… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *sources 30–31*

30 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 (on point 4) “how twisted many things are! But a person more easily sees the speck in another's eye than the beam in his own. Nevertheless, beloved brothers, let the sudden madness… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 “7:2? Have you not read that he who hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 32*

32 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “him be wise in judging of words… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *98 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

33 **Genesis 31:37** and that you have searched all the goods of my house? What have you found of all the goods of your house? Set it here before your relatives and my relatives, and let them judge between the two of us. **read ›**

34 **Exodus 18:26** They judged the people at all times; every matter that was too great they brought to Moses, but every light matter they judged themselves. **read ›**

35 **Exodus 23:3** And you shall not show mercy to a poor man in judgment. **read ›**

36 **Leviticus 19:15** You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment. You shall not show partiality to the poor, nor by any means show favor to the mighty; in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. **read ›**

37 **Deuteronomy 1:17** You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall judge the small and the great alike; you shall never shrink before the face of any man, for the judgment is God’s. Any matter that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.” **read ›**

38 **Deuteronomy 11:16** be careful lest your heart be puffed up, and you transgress and serve other gods and worship them, **read ›**

39 **Judges 8:2** He said to them, “What have I done now compared with you? Are not the leftover grapes of Ephraim better than the grape harvest of Abiezer? **read ›**

40 **2 Kings 10:3** choose the best and most upright among your master’s sons, set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house.” **read ›**

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41 **2 Chronicles 19:6** And he said to the judges, “Consider what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the Lord, and the matters of judgment are with you. **read ›**

42 **Ecclesiastes 9:12** For indeed man does not know his time: like fish that are caught in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a trap, so the sons of man are trapped at an evil time, when it falls on them suddenly. **read ›**

43 **Song of Solomon 3:4** Scarcely had I passed from them when I found him whom my soul has loved. I held him and did not let him go, until I brought him into my mother’s house, and into the chamber of her who conceived me. **read ›**

44 **Song of Solomon 3:5** I have charged you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and by the strengths of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. **read ›**

45 **Isaiah 7:21** And it shall be in that day that a man shall rear a young cow and two sheep; **read ›**

46 **Isaiah 13:3** I am giving command, and I bring them; giants are coming to fulfill my wrath, rejoicing and insulting together. **read ›**

47 **Jeremiah 16:2** and no son or daughter shall be born to you in this place. **read ›**

48 **Ezekiel 13:8** Therefore say: Thus says the Lord: Because your words are false and your fortune-telling is vain, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the Lord. **read ›**

49 **Ezekiel 15:6** Therefore say: Thus says the Lord: As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire to be consumed, so I have given up those who dwell in Jerusalem. **read ›**

50 **Ezekiel 22:3** and you shall say: Thus says the Lord God: O city that sheds blood in her midst, so that her time may come, and that makes inventions against herself, to defile herself! **read ›**

51 **Ezekiel 27:12** Carthaginians were your merchants because of the abundance of all your strength; with silver and gold and iron and tin and lead they supplied your market. **read ›**

52 **Ezekiel 34:4** The weak you have not strengthened, and the sick you have not made whole, and the broken you have not bound up, and the straying you have not brought back, and the lost you have not sought; and the strong you have worn out with toil. **read ›**

53 **Ezekiel 35:2** Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it, **read ›**

54 **Ezekiel 36:13** Thus says the Lord God: Because they said to you, “You are a devourer of men, and you have been left childless by your nation,” **read ›**

55 **Ezekiel 36:23** And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, when I am sanctified among you before their eyes. **read ›**

56 **Ezekiel 40:8** and the third side room equal to the reed in length and equal to the reed in breadth. **read ›**

57 **Amos 1:1** The words of Amos, which came in Accarim in Tekoa, which he saw concerning Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. **read ›**

58 **Amos 6:10** and the rest shall be left behind; and their relatives shall take them, and shall press hard to carry their bones out of the house; and one shall say to those in charge of the house, “Is there still anyone with you?” And he shall say, “No one else.” And he shall say, “Be silent, so as not to name the name of the Lord.” **read ›**

59 **Micah 6:13** And I will begin to strike you; I will make you disappear in your sins. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:1** Love righteousness, you who judge the earth; think of the Lord in goodness, and seek him in sincerity of heart. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:10** For those who keep holy things in holiness will be made holy, and those who have been taught them will find a defense. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:18** Moreover, they worship even the most hateful animals, for, compared in thoughtlessness, they are worse than the rest. **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:24** For their own assumption has led many astray, and evil suspicion has made their minds slip. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:6** Do not seek to become a judge, lest you be unable to remove unrighteousness, lest you be afraid of a ruler and lay a stumbling block in your uprightness. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 9:14** As far as you are able, take the measure of your neighbors, and take counsel with the wise. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:7** Do not find fault before you examine; understand first, and then rebuke. **read ›**

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67 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:9** Do not quarrel about a matter that does not concern you, and do not sit with sinners in their judgment. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:2** Do not lift a weight beyond you, and do not keep company with one stronger and richer than you. What fellowship will a pot have with a kettle? The pot will strike against the kettle and be broken. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:6** There is no one worse than he who begrudges himself, and this is the repayment of his wickedness; **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:20** Before judgment, examine yourself, and in the hour of visitation you will find atonement. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 19:25** There is a shrewdness that is exact, yet it is unrighteous; and there is one who acts perversely to make a judgment appear. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 20:22** There is one who destroys his soul through shame, and by a foolish face he will destroy it. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:20** Help your neighbor as far as you are able, and be careful that you do not fall. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 35:16** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:2** A wise man will not hate the law, but he who is a hypocrite in it is like a ship in a storm. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:22** Remember his judgment, for yours will be so too: “For me yesterday, and for you today.” **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:18** of a trespass before a judge and a ruler, of lawlessness before a congregation and a people, of unrighteousness before a partner and a friend, and of theft before the place where you live; **read ›**

80 **Baruch 3:11** that you are counted with those in Hades? **read ›**

81 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:5** Take care, then, that you also do not become like the foreigners, and that fear of them does not take hold of you when you see the crowd before them and behind them worshiping them. **read ›**

82 **2 Maccabees 6:25** and through my pretense, for the sake of a short and fleeting life, they would be led astray because of me, while I bring defilement and disgrace on my old age. **read ›**

83 **2 Maccabees 7:35** For you have not yet escaped the judgment of the Almighty God, who watches over all. **read ›**

84 **2 Maccabees 9:12** And when he could not bear even his own stench, he said this: “It is right to be subject to God, and that one who is mortal should not proudly think himself equal to God.” **read ›**

85 **3 Maccabees 3:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

86 **3 Maccabees 3:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

87 **4 Maccabees 7:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **4 Maccabees 13:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **1 Enoch 41:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **1 Enoch 95:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 95:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 95:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 100:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

94 **1 Enoch 104:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 104:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 104:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

97 **Matthew 2:3** When King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **read ›**

98 **Matthew 7:1** Do not judge, so that you will not be judged. **read ›**

99 **Matthew 7:2** For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you. **read ›**

100 **Matthew 7:3** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye? **read ›**

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101 **Matthew 7:4** Or how will you tell your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye,’ and behold, the beam is in your own eye? **read ›**

102 **Matthew 7:5** You hypocrite! First remove the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother’s eye. **read ›**

103 **Luke 6:41** Why do you see the speck of chaff that is in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye? **read ›**

104 **Luke 6:42** Or how can you tell your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck of chaff that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck of chaff that is in your brother’s eye. **read ›**

105 **Luke 12:56** You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how is it that you do not interpret this time? **read ›**

106 **Luke 12:57** Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? **read ›**

107 **Luke 18:9** He also spoke this parable to certain people who were convinced of their own righteousness, and who despised all others: **read ›**

108 **John 7:24** Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.” **read ›**

109 **Acts 11:3** saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!” **read ›**

110 **Acts 14:10** said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet!” He leaped up and walked. **read ›**

111 **Romans 2:1** Therefore you are without excuse, O man, whoever you are who judge. For in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you who judge practice the same things. **read ›**

112 **Romans 2:3** Do you think, O man, that you will escape the judgment of God when you judge those who practice such things and do them yourself? **read ›**

113 **Romans 12:3** For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought, but to think soberly, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faithfulness. **read ›**

114 **1 Corinthians 2:15** But he who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one. **read ›**

115 **1 Corinthians 3:11** For no one can lay another foundation besides the one laid, which is Jesus Christ. **read ›**

116 **1 Corinthians 4:3** But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by a human court. Indeed, I do not even judge myself. **read ›**

117 **1 Corinthians 4:6** Now, brothers, I have applied these things figuratively to myself and Apollos for your sake, so that in us you may learn not to think beyond what is written, so that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against another. **read ›**

118 **1 Corinthians 5:12** For what have I to do with judging those outside as well? Do you not judge those inside? **read ›**

119 **1 Corinthians 11:28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **read ›**

120 **1 Corinthians 11:31** For if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged. **read ›**

121 **2 Corinthians 10:7** Do you look at outward appearances? If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, let him consider this again for himself: just as he belongs to Christ, so do we. **read ›**

122 **2 Corinthians 10:12** For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding. **read ›**

123 **2 Corinthians 10:13** But we will not boast beyond measure, but according to the measure of the field God allotted to us, a measure that reaches even to you. **read ›**

124 **2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Or do you not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you fail the test? **read ›**

125 **Galatians 1:5** to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. **read ›**

126 **Galatians 6:4** But let each examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast in himself alone, and not in someone else. **read ›**

127 **Philippians 1:13** so that it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; **read ›**

128 **Philippians 2:3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility count others better than yourselves. **read ›**

129 **Philippians 2:4** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **read ›**

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130 **James 2:4** have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **read ›**

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