

Galatians 6 - Judge Not

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Galatians 6:1-5 NASB

1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, **restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.**

Contextually, verses 2-4 explain how we may be tempted.

2 **Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.**

Patiently bear with the faults and sins of others, even as Christ bears long with your faults and sins. Don't become impatient, critical or judgmental, but speak the Truth in love (Eph 4:15).

3 For **if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.**

- (1) *Don't think of yourself as the spiritually mature if you can't bear patiently with your brother's faults and sins. If you become impatient or critical, you are carnal and spiritually immature.*
- (2) *Don't become proud or self-righteous by comparing yourself to their faults and sins. Don't think you are better than they are just because you didn't commit the sin they did. What about your weaknesses, your faults and your sins?*

4 But **each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.**

Find your joy in what God has done in your heart and life. Don't be happy with yourself and self-satisfied because you don't commit the sins that someone else has.

5 **For each one will bear his own load."**

Every person carries the burden of their own sins and consequences; therefore let no one be superior to anyone else in his/her perspective. The load of faults and sins we carry personally should make us sympathetic, not arrogant.

load (phortion) - *burden, faults of the conscience which oppress the soul,* "For My yoke is easy and My **burden** [phortion] is light." Matthew 11:30 NASB

Matthew 7:1-5 NASB

1 **DO NOT JUDGE SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**

Luke 6:37 NASB

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and **DO NOT CONDEMN** (*katadikazō* - pronounce guilty, give judgment against), **AND YOU WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED**; pardon, and you will be pardoned."

2 **FOR IN THE WAY YOU JUDGE, YOU WILL BE JUDGED; AND BY YOUR STANDARD OF MEASURE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU.**

We are commanded to discern and discriminate between good and evil. So it's not the actual judgment or discrimination that is wrong, it is "THE WAY" it is done.

3 WHY DO YOU LOOK AT THE SPECK THAT IS IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE, BUT DO NOT NOTICE THE LOG THAT IS IN YOUR OWN EYE?

If we discern and discriminate good and evil in someone's life, "THE WAY" that discrimination will be made will be harsh and critical IF we are not very cognizant of the log in our own eye.

4 OR HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, 'LET ME TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR EYE,' AND BEHOLD, THE LOG IS IN YOUR OWN EYE?

5 YOU HYPOCRITE, FIRST TAKE THE LOG OUT OF YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR BROTHER'S EYE.

The context of Jesus' concern is the accuracy of your perception and discernment. Don't discriminate between good and evil in your brother without first having a clear and accurate discrimination of the good and evil in your own life.

"Our true and genuine wisdom can be summed up as the knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves." — John Calvin

"The most godly Christian is the one who knows himself best, and no one who knows himself will believe that he deserves anything better than hell." — A.W. Tozer

Luke 18:9-14 NASB

9 And He also told this parable to some people **WHO TRUSTED IN THEMSELVES THAT THEY WERE RIGHTEOUS**, and **VIEWED OTHERS WITH CONTEMPT** (*exoutheneō - to make of no account, despise*):

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, **I THANK YOU THAT I AM NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE**: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or **EVEN LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR**.'

12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

13 "But the tax collector, **STANDING SOME DISTANCE AWAY, WAS EVEN UNWILLING TO LIFT UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN, BUT WAS BEATING HIS BREAST, SAYING, 'GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, THE SINNER!'**

14 "I tell you, **THIS MAN WENT TO HIS HOUSE JUSTIFIED RATHER THAN THE OTHER**; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Colossians 3:12-15 NASB

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a **HEART OF COMPASSION** (*oiktirmos - bowels of compassion, pity, mercy, longing*), **KINDNESS** (*chrēstotēs - goodness in action, usefulness*), **HUMILITY** (*tapeinophrosynē - deep sense of one's littleness, lowliness of mind*), **GENTLENESS** (*praýtēs - mild in disposition, meekness*) and **PATIENCE** (*makrothymia - longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs*);

13 **BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER**, and **FORGIVING EACH OTHER, WHOEVER HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANYONE**; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

14 **BEYOND ALL THESE THINGS PUT ON LOVE, WHICH IS THE PERFECT BOND OF UNITY.**