

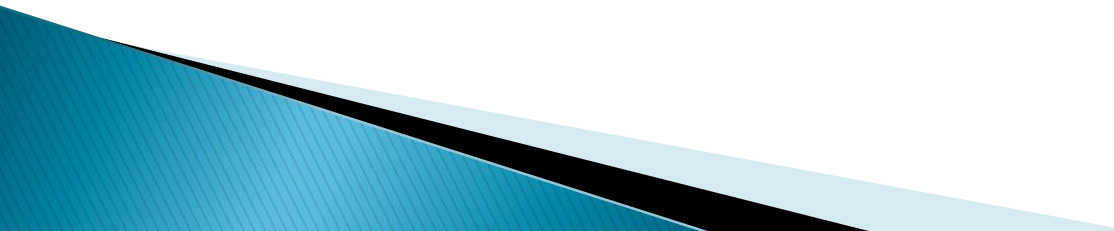
# Judging and Speck- Finding

A study of judging and the common errors  
associated with it

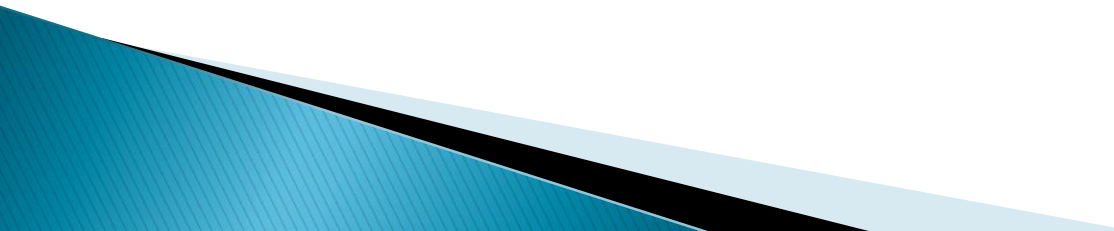
We Must Judge by the  
Proper Standard



# We Must Judge Righteously

- ▶ Christians are commanded to judge their brethren – 1 Cor. 5:9–13
  - ▶ Christians must judge righteous judgment – Jn. 7:23–24
  - ▶ Christians must judge by the standard of God's word – Jn. 5:30
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# We Must Not Judge Hypocritically

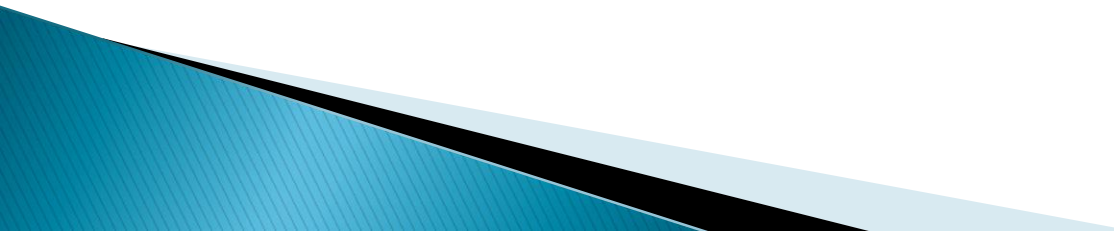
- ▶ If we use a hypocritical standard, it will be turned on us – Matt. 7:1–2
  - ▶ Hypocritical judgment illustrated – 7:3–4; 23:24
  - ▶ Before we judge others, we must be seriously working to eliminate our personal faults – 7:5
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# Common Judging Errors Committed...

»» when Satan attacks

When Satan Attacks:

# We May Judge Without Love

- ▶ Love refuses to judge unjustly – 1 Cor. 13:4–7
  - ▶ Love refuses to believe any sin against brethren that hasn't been proven.
  - ▶ Love refuses to seek justification for sin by unjustly judging others of sin.
  - ▶ True love is not blind to sin and confronts it—Gal. 2:11–13
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When Satan Attacks:

# We May Judge Without Truth

- ▶ We must judge others' actions by God's truth – 2 Tim. 4:2; 3:16–17
- ▶ We must not allow emotion to control us – Gal. 5:22–24; 2 Tim. 1:7
- ▶ When emotion rules, Satan is allowed to plant a seed of doubt...
  - Concerning the seriousness of the sin
  - Concerning the loving brethren who seek to deal with the sin

When Satan Attacks:

# We May Judge Hypocritically

- ▶ Remember how donkeys face the enemy, but kick each other? We may do the same!
- ▶ We may listen to/give credence to sinners' vitriolic rants against the faithful – Mt. 7:3–5
- ▶ When we allow such hypocritical judgments against our brethren, we are participating in them!
  - We may judge poorly and pander to the sinful, allowing a sinful association that God instructs against.
  - Disregarding God's instructions allows sin to continue in the rebellious and weakens the church.



# Conclusion

- ▶ Jesus never condemned all types of judging.
  - We must judge the sin of brethren and take proper action.
  - Jesus condemns unrighteous, hypocritical judgment that we must reject and rebuke.
  - We must judge according to God's word.
- ▶ Because when Satan attacks these demands are easily forgotten, we must prepare now to assure God's will is done and further damage to the body is avoided.