

## Motes and Beams

Scripture Text: Matthew 7:1-6

Regarding the text:

- 1) Do you think Jesus is a liar?
- 2) John 7:24.
- 3) Do you believe Jesus is a liar?
- 4) When a passage of Scripture is given which condemns some action or attitude, many resort to the first two words in Matthew 7, "Judge not!"
- 5) If these words forbid any and all discerning, discriminating, judging, then it contradicts John 7:24 and in one or the other of these places, Jesus lied.
- 6) Actually, Jesus never said, "Judge not (period)."
- 7) As we look at the context, Jesus is forbidding some hypocrite engaging in "fault-finding" as a ploy to cover his own sin.
- 8) Jesus said in verse 6 that we are obligated to make determinations, judgments, as to the character of people: are they dogs or swine.

In this passage we see –

### I. FAULT-FINDERS. THEY ARE:

1. Never good fact finders [Doctors never treat self/family].
2. Not honest [Prejudice/bigotry "more light closes pupil].
3. Are destructive [Proverbs 5:22-23].
4. Unable to benefit from brotherly correction [Proverbs 9:7].

### II. HYPOCRISY.

1. The hypocrite never intends to be what he pretends to be.
2. Romans 12:9.
3. "Mote in brother's eye/beam in own eye."
4. Humor can help us understand. My dirt is clean, yours is not.

### III. REPENTANCE.

1. "Cast out the beam" one can not keep sin.
2. Psalm 66:18.

3. Acts 17:30.

4. Acts 24:24-25.

IV. HELPFULNESS.

1. Galatians 6:1.

2. Galatians 6:10.

3. James 5:19-20.

4. Philippians 4:2-3.

V. HONORING GOD'S WORD.

1. Psalm 119:160.

2. 1 Corinthians 4:6.

3. 2 John 9-11.

4. John 17:17.

5. Psalm 119:11, 89, 97.

1. In this passage we have seen:

1) FAULT-FINDERS;

2) HYPOCRISY;

3) REPENTANCE;

4) HELPFULNESS and

5) HONORING GOD'S WORD.

2. Romans 16:17-18.

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