

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Standing on the Essence of God - -

Psalms 31:1 In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be ashamed; in Your righteousness deliver me.

Matthew 7:1-5

"Do not **judge** so that you will not be judged.

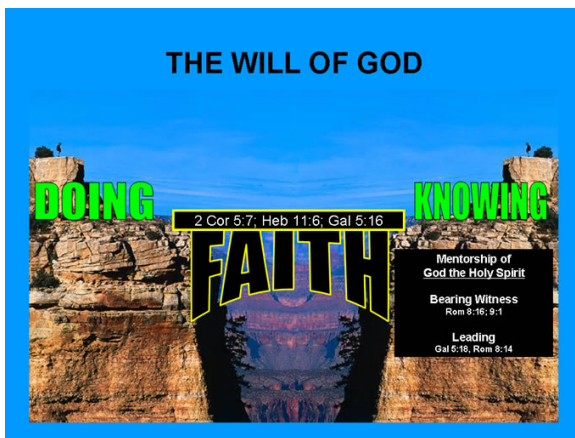
KRINO – "To judge; to decide; to express an opinion about; to pass an unfavorable judgment upon somebody; to condemn and criticize or find fault with"

² "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 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? 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.

Rule of Application – If a shade of application is stated in the New Testament Epistles, from the _____, then the shade of application applies to the Christian living today.

Romans 14:1-10

Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions. ² One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. ³ The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to **judge** the one who eats, for God has accepted him. ⁴ Who are you to **judge** the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



⁵ One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; ⁸ for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we

are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." ¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. ¹³ Therefore **let us not judge** one another anymore, but rather determine this--not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

James 5:9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

POD – The believer who judges a fellow believer is judged by the Lord via **divine discipline**.

- Divine discipline is *designed* to get the believer back into fellowship.
- Discipline will train the believer not to pass judgment.

1 Corinthians 11:30-31 – Believers are commanded to judge self.

1 Corinthians 5:1-6:11 – Judging sin is sin; judging cases against each other in the church.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.