

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 23:6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Matthew 7:1-5

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

KRINO – Judging in a hypocritical manner

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.

The New Testament Epistles state a similar application in **Romans 14:1-10** and **James 6:9**.

POD – The Church Age Believer is to refrain from hypocritical judging, complaining about, criticizing, and finding fault with fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

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?"

Log = _____ ←

POD – The arrogant believer is prone to finding fault with, complaining about, and criticizing fellow believers.

POD – The arrogant believer compares himself to bad in order to make himself look good.

The believer must fix his eyes on the Savior and His infallible Word.

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

Self-examination must precede self-judgment.

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 protocol of handling fellow believers is **prayer** and **faith** and more **prayer!**
- The protocol of handling fellow believers includes *waiting on the Lord*.
- Should the Lord open a door to speak with them [*when asked by them*] then and only then may you be helpful in removing the speck.

Matthew 7:12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:6-12 "Do not give what is holy to **dogs**, and do not throw your pearls before **swine**, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

*The characteristic of **Dogs** and **Swine** is arrogance – a lack of malleability and willingness in the soul.*

- Prayer must precede talking to anyone [*believer or unbeliever*] about the things of God that have been revealed to you.
- When we ask for things from our Heavenly Father - *and those things are not given* - it is for our benefit.

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. **8** "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **9** "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? **10** "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? **11** "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! **12** "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

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