

those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance."
Romans 2:1-4 (NIV)

Whom, and where can I serve another?

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for prayer after service.**

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

"The Verdict Is"

"Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!"
Matthew 6:22-23 (NLT)

The eye is for discovering and directing

**A warning followed by an instruction
followed by an opportunity**

"Do not judge or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

1. There is a six to one ratio of criticism to encouragement with people

- Criticism is: the act of passing severe judgment; censure; faultfinding
- Contempt prior to investigation is prejudice
- That which renders a man incapable of seeing himself and others as they really are is self conceit
- Resentment against a rival, a person enjoying success or advantage, etc., or against another's success or advantage itself is jealousy

2. Beware of blindness to your own issues. We often judge ourselves by our intentions and others by their actions

"Woe to you, men learned in the scriptures and Pharisees, actors on the stage of life, playing the role of that which you are not, for you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are filled with rapacity and lack of self-control. Blind Pharisee; cleanse first the inside of the cup in order that also the outside might become clean."

Matthew 23:25-26 (Wuest)

What is the area of blindness I must confront?

3. Learn to identify the unobvious or ignored

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

What are the steps I must take to remain free?

4. Self discovery will lead to revelation

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Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV)

5. We will be able to see clearly and serve sacrificially

"Hypocrite! First get rid of the board. Then you can see to help your brother."

Matthew 7:5 (TLB)

"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against