

My You Standard Matthew 7:1-5

**Does your "Me" standard match your "You" standard?
Do you require more of others than you require of yourself?**

What Does Jesus Teach About Applying THE Standard?

1John 1:8; Matthew 7:6

Same Standard for Me as for You

Holding You To A Stricter Standard Is Hypocritical

Matthew 7:5

Self-righteous like the pharisee at temple - **Luke 18:10-14**

See other's mistakes at distance, Miss own at close range

Once was said, "I think I could see my mistakes if I had any."

Pharisee built self up by tearing publican down

Can't trim wick/shine own globe by blowing out other's light

To console his biting conscience

"I'm as good as of I'm not as bad as he is" gives false security.

Our sins can't be whitewashed by sins or mistakes of others - **2Corinthians 10:12**

Often motivated by envy

Discontent at excellence or good fortune of others - **Galatians 5:19-21**

Destroys another's reputation w/out blessing self

Hurt Self More Than Anyone Else

Blinds self to own faults - **Matthew 7:3**

No chance of improvement, sees no need for improvement

Put out his eyes to virtues of others because he looks for evil

Found fault with Jesus - **Matthew 9:11**

Has very few friends

Overcome This Double Standard

Requires nothing great physically or mentally

Robert West "No talent, no self-denial, no brains and no character are required to set up in the grumbling business"

Be conscious of sinfulness of it, watch and pray against - **Matthew 26:41**

Make up mind are going to see good instead of evil. black dot

Always look at self first and make correction - **Matthew 7:5**

"There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it little behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us"

Help For The Targets Of Critics

Take comfort that Christ dealt with this - **Matthew 9:11**

They supposedly found fault with our Lord - **John 13:16**

Profit from criticism, even though intended to hurt not help.

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

Advice of Ben Franklin: "Be sure you are right then go ahead."

1Peter 3:17

Abe Lincoln "I do the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would not make any difference."

Hold Self To The Strictest Of Standards

Trim the wicks and clean the globes of our own light, then we can see to help our brother -

2Corinthians 13:5

Scriptures teach we must reprove sin but we must not be type person who goes about finding fault everywhere. - **Ephesians 5:11**

When continually looking for bad in other's lives, we are not following example left by our Lord.
Is your light shining bright as should or is it dim glow no one can see?

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