

# **Speaking Against One Another?**





# The Principle – "Do Not Judge"

## **Biblical Examples of "Judging"**

- Matt. 7:15-20
- Matt. 18:15-18
- John 7:24
- 1 Cor. 5:1-13
- 1 Cor. 10:15
- 1 Tim. 3:1-12
- Titus 3:10

#### Careful Reading Reveals . . . Matt. 7:2

For with the judgment you are judging, you will be judged;

and with the measurement you are measuring, you will be measured.



# God will judge you by the standard you use on others



# Message:

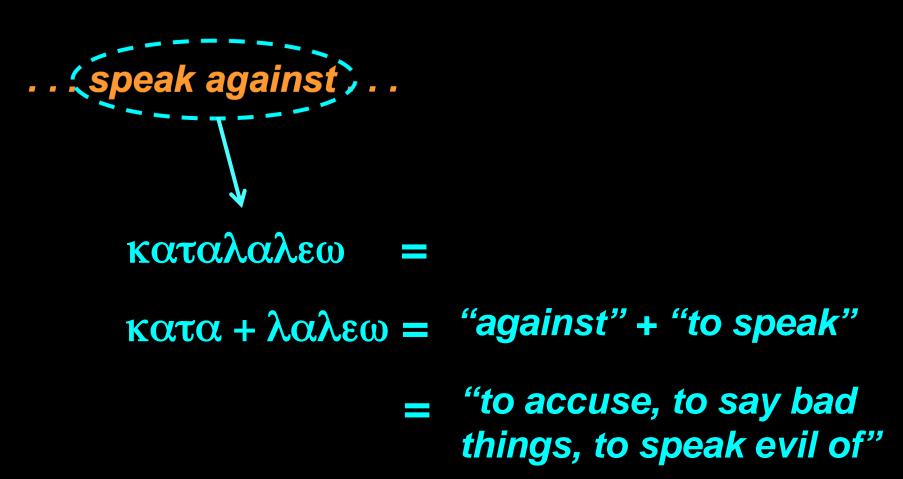
### Our own sin blinds us

from being a fair judge

#### Jesus Tells Us How To Judge John 7:24

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

#### **Do Not Speak Against . . .** James 4:11





### **Related Passages**

James 2:4 James 2:13 James 5:9 Prov. 18:17

#### He Who Speaks Against or Judges Others James 4:11b

#### James defines "judges or judging" as

"speaking against"

#### He Who Speaks Against or Judges Others James 4:11

#### ... speaks or judges ...

The Law



John 7:51

John 8:12-17

#### The Lawgiver & Judge James 4:12



# If offended :

- Be humble
- Pray
- Confess your anger
- Forgive
- Be quiet
- Apologize, if you have sinned

If need advice :

- Pray
- See an elder
- Or, see someone outside of the church
- Reveal no names

### If a person sinned:

- Pray
- Follow Matt. 18:15-18
- Hear Them First John 7:51
- Be Impartial John 8:17

## If a complaint and not a sin :

- Follow James 5:9
- Pray
- Ask God to change your heart's feelings
- Wait on God James 4:10

### Do Not Give Satan An Opportunity :

- Flee anger Eph. 4:26-27
- Forgive 2 Cor. 2:9-11
- 1 Tim 3:6 Flee pride
- Resist Satan Be obedient