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Today's Scripture: Matthew 7: 1-5

Judging Others

“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.

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Old "Log Eye", according to Paul Aldrich, is a funny ol' critter. He roams around in every home, every church, every business, every human mind. He's sort of a weird looking dude because he has a magnifying glass in front of one eye, a big bowed-up log in the other eye

and a sharp pointy finger always sticking out into somebody else's faults. The first word out of his mouth is always "you".

Man, I fight with log eye in my own mind every day. The big chump! He makes me critical of my wife and kids in a way that I want to take the log out and hit him with it! One time when one of my boys was young, I was "rantin' and ravin'" about something (hillbilly term for overly critical and overly vocal) and my sweet wife stopped me dead in my tracks. "Honey," she said to me, "your son sees himself in your eyes." Oooo, that hurt. But, she was right! "Log Eye" was ruling my life that day!

Billy Sprague, after a short year <images/Blog Images/NewsAugust2011/log-in-eye.jpeg> or two of marriage, told me that, "the adjustment phase of marriage is over as soon as both parties give up on trying to change each other."

Funny thing about pointing your finger at someone ... when you do it, there are always three fingers pointing right back at you.

As parents, we have to teach principles and we have to correct Biblically incorrect behavior, but for all members of a family, the motto I like is:

"Catch each other in the act of doing something good and tell 'em about it."

QUESTIONS:

What do you do when you tend to become critical of each other?

What is a blind spot? Why are logs so hard to see?

How can this family kick ol' "Log Eye" out of the family circle?

LIFELINE:

"Log Eye" has no place in this home!

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