

JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED



Lesson 124

Suggested Song:
The Wise Man
and the Foolish
Man #281



3 NEPHI 14

A young couple, Lisa and John, moved into a new neighborhood. One morning while they were eating breakfast, Lisa looked out the window and watched her next-door neighbor hanging out her wash.



“That laundry’s not clean!” Lisa exclaimed. ‘Our neighbor doesn’t know how to get clothes clean!’

“John looked on but remained silent.

“Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, Lisa would make the same comments.



“A few weeks later Lisa was surprised to glance out her window and see a nice, clean wash hanging in her neighbor’s yard. She said to her husband, ‘Look, John—she’s finally learned how to wash correctly! I wonder how she did it.’

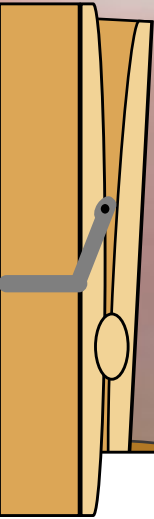


“John replied, ‘Well, dear, I have the answer for you. You’ll be interested to know that I got up early this morning and washed our windows!’”

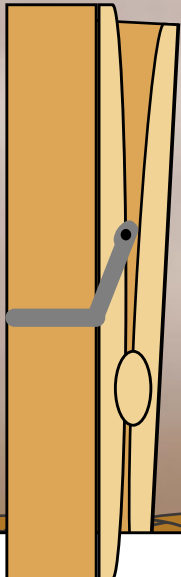
President Thomas S. Monson

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The phrase “with what measure ye mete” refers to the standard a person uses to measure or judge other people.

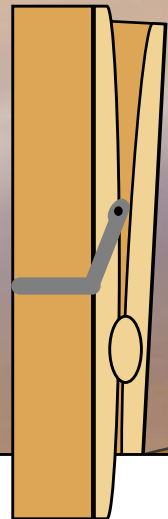


Mete-- to measure or judge.

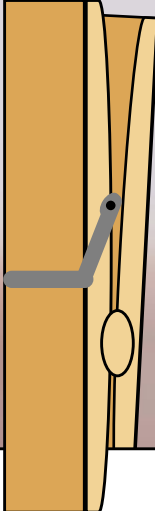


“What I am suggesting is that each of us turn from the negativism that so permeates our society and look for the remarkable good among those with whom we associate, that we speak of one another’s virtues more than we speak of one another’s faults.”

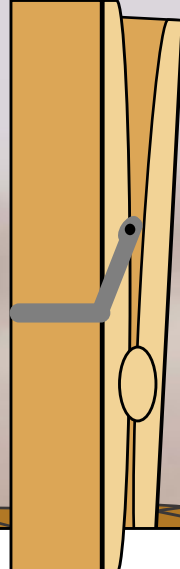
Gordon B. Hinckley



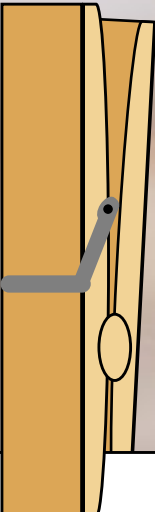
We will be judged according to the way we judge others



“Final judgment ... is that future occasion in which all of us will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged according to our works. ... I believe that the scriptural command to ‘judge not’ refers most clearly to this final judgment. ...”



“... Why did the Savior command that we not judge final judgments? I believe this commandment was given because we presume to make final judgments whenever we proclaim that any particular person is going to hell (or to heaven) for a particular act or as of a particular time. When we do this—and there is great temptation to do so—we hurt ourselves and the person we pretend to judge.”



“... The gospel is a gospel of hope, and none of us is authorized to deny the power of the Atonement to bring about a cleansing of individual sins, forgiveness, and a reformation of life on appropriate conditions”
Dallin H. Oaks



MOTE--BEAM

Mote (Speck)-- A fault we see in someone else

Beam-- Our own faults



The Savior's analogy focuses on objects that are lodged in the eye.

Such objects would affect a person's vision.



Let me take that speck out of your eye.

How can our faults affect the way we see others?

Focusing on the faults we perceive in others can prevent us from recognizing our own faults



UNRIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

“When the Lord warned against judging, he was counseling his people against condemning someone for his sins as well as against seeking to attribute motivation to a person when the observer cannot really know what is in that person’s heart.”

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“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her”
Read John 8:1-11



**“Judge not unrighteously, that ye be not judged:
but judge righteous judgment”** JST Matthew 7:1

MAKING JUDGMENTS

“Sometimes people feel that it is wrong to judge others in any way. While it is true that you should not condemn others or judge them unrighteous, you will need to make judgments of ideas, situations, and people throughout your life. The Lord has given many commandments that you cannot keep without making judgments.”


(True to the Faith: A Gospel Reference [2004], 90).



What are some judgments you have to face in keeping the commandments?



What music to listen to



What movies to go to



What friends to hang out with



What books to read



What sites to visit on the internet

KEEPING THINGS SACRED



“We all make judgments in choosing our friends, in choosing how we will spend our time and our money, and, of course, in choosing an eternal companion. ...”

“... A righteous judgment will be guided by the Spirit of the Lord, not by anger, revenge, jealousy, or self-interest”

Elder Dallin H. Oaks

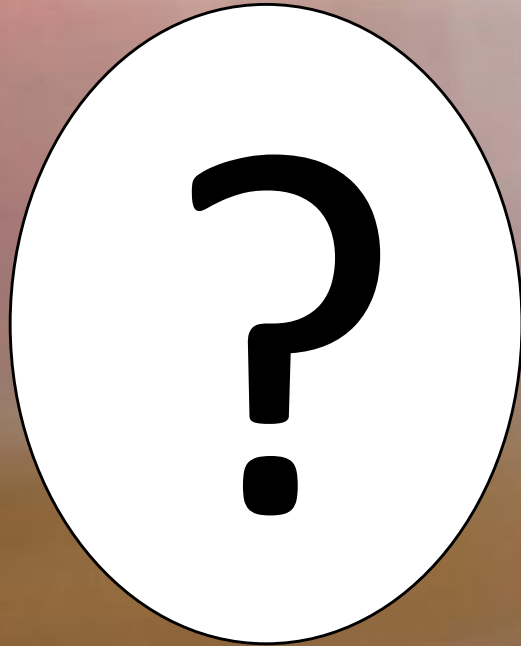
“Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.”



To share something that is sacred with those who will not appreciate it or honor its sacredness

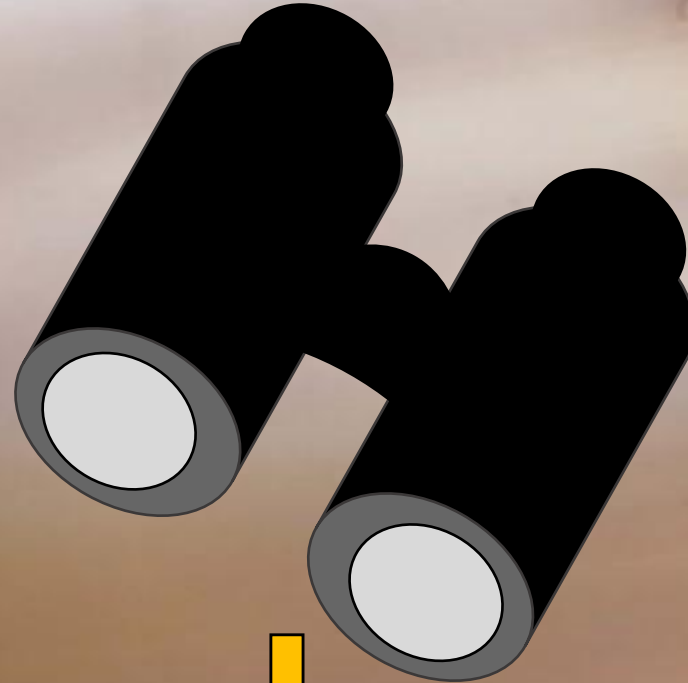
“Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”

ASK—SEEK--KNOCK



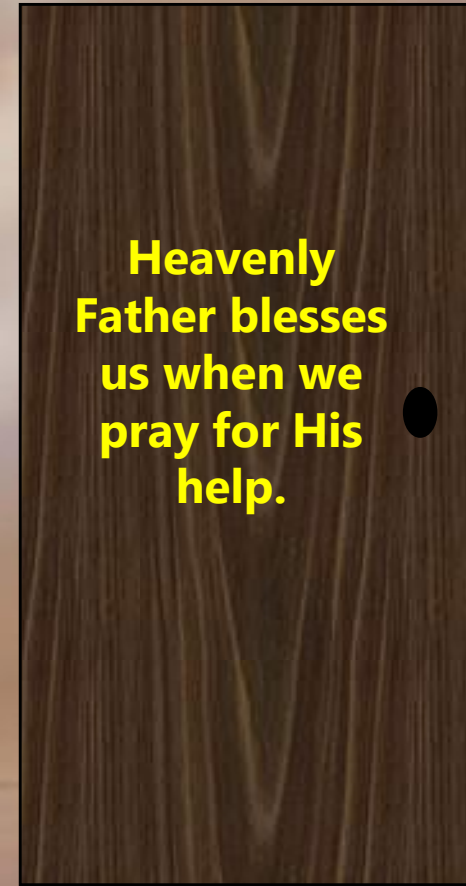
For every one that asketh, receiveth;

3 Nephi 14:7-11



and he that seeketh, findeth;

“Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is good, in faith believing that ye shall receive, behold, it shall be done unto you.”
(Moroni 7:26)



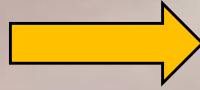
Heavenly Father blesses us when we pray for His help.



and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM

“Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.”



“Jesus did not intend to suggest that each person strive to love himself, nor did he mean to indicate that we should spend much time at all in trying to build our love for ourselves. He taught instead the ironic but infinitely true principle that only as we lose ourselves can we find ourselves...
(see Matthew 26:25)



Love your neighbor as you would want him or her to love you. Treat others as you would want to be treated.



We gain the inner peace and stability of soul promised by the Savior only as we lose ourselves in our quest for God and as we give of ourselves selflessly in service to others....

DOING HIS WILL

3 Nephi 14:13-14



How is obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ like walking on a narrow path?



How is rejecting the teachings of Jesus Christ like walking on a wide path?

What are some ways the Savior's teachings are different from the teachings of the world?

3 Nephi 14:15



Why would a wolf dress in sheep's clothing?



What does this analogy tell us about the desires and actions of false prophets?

3 Nephi 14:16-20



If the trees represent people, what might the fruits represent?



Possible answers:
people's thoughts, words,
actions, and influence on others

NOT JUST THOSE

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

3 Nephi 14:21



“It is not just those who cry out to the Lord, not just those whose voices are raised to Jehovah, not just those whose display of righteousness is public and whose commitment to the faith is spoken regularly, who shall be save. Rather, it is those who trust in the Lord, who perform the works of righteousness in a quiet but steadfast manner...”

It is not just those who did all the right things, who carried out the assignments, who will be save....

The Lord’s true saints are the ones who do His works, under the influence of His Spirit.

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BUILDING ON A ROCK

3 Nephi 14:24-27



When we hear the Savior's words and follow them, how are we like a man who builds his house on a rock?



If we choose not to follow the Savior's words, how are we like a man who builds his house on the sand?

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