

John 8:1-11
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Subject: The propensity of man to see the sin in others while being blind to his own sin. (Beam - eye - mote.)

Theme: Self examination will lead to Mercy rather than Murder.

Proposition: If you are about to cast a stone, make sure it is not a "**BOOMERANG ROCK.**"

see [Acts 21:22](#) Paul - gentile in the temple. **False assumptions** on the part of the Jews led to a **false accusation against Paul.**

I. THE ACCUSATIONS OF THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS [John 8:1-6](#)

I saw a video clip on Stupid Criminals one time where a man approached the plate glass window of a 7-11. It was 2:00 a.m. and he had a large brick in his hand. He looked around to make sure no one was around, and then he threw the brick as hard as he could, with the intention of smashing the window and looting the store. The brick hit the (brick-proof plate glass, bounced back and hit him in the head – knocking him out right where he stood. All of it was recorded on a the store surveillance camera

"**Pastor George Truett** told about some hypercritical individuals who accused a young Christian of a minor infraction of the "church covenant." With an air of self-righteousness they suggested that her name be removed from the membership. The poor woman admitted that she had made a mistake, asked forgiveness, and promised to do better. But they showed her no mercy. Disturbed by their attitude, Truett quoted [John 8:7](#) and decided to show them that they too had faults. He got the treasurer's records which revealed what they had given, and the report of their meager contributions left them shame-faced.

"On the same harsh basis that you have applied to your fellow member, I suppose we should also vote to drop everyone here who has violated God's law against covetousness," said Truett. Those critics who had "first cast the stone at her" hung their heads in embarrassment." MORAL - If you throw stones, you'd better start ducking. They are sure to boomerang." db 2-8-80.

George Washington Truett, also known as **George W. Truett** (May 6, 1867 – July 7, 1944), was an [American clergyman](#) who was the pastor of the First [Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas](#), **from 1897 until 1944** and the president of the [Southern Baptist Convention](#) from 1927 to 1929. He was one of the most significant [Southern Baptist](#) preachers and writers of his era.

These came, not only accusing an adulteress woman, but also seeking to entrap the Lord.

Math 5:17 " Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

This is not the only time that the leaders of Israel tried to humiliate and discredit the Lord.

Math. 19:1- 6 divorce issue. Testing

Mat 19:3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

Math. 22:15 ""how they might entangle Him in his talk...." Caesar.

Mat 22:15 **Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in *his* talk.**

The Devil loves to take something that is Good and twist it so that evil things come out of good actions. A sort of punishment for the righteous.

The **Cloward–Piven strategy** is a political strategy outlined in 1966 by American sociologists and political activists **Richard Cloward** and **Frances Fox Piven** that called for overloading the U.S. public welfare system in order to precipitate a crisis that would lead to a replacement of the welfare system with a national system of "a guaranteed annual income and thus an end to poverty". Cloward and Piven were a married couple who were both professors at the Columbia University School of Social Work. The strategy was formulated in a May 1966 article in the liberal^[1] magazine *The Nation* titled "The Weight of the Poor: A Strategy to End Poverty"

Luke 11:53-54 REAL MOTIVE of the accusers. Lk. 11 deals with subject matter ranging from the Lord's prayer, demon possession, righteous social responsibilities, and an abject condemnation of the hypocrites that ruled the nation of Israel

Luk 11:53 And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:

Luk 11:54 Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might **accuse him**.

II. THE ATTITUDE OF SELF EXAMINATION 6b-8.

. Jesus did not take the bait. **HE DIDN'T ANSWER.**

Everyone has their own Idea as to what Jesus wrote. I think He may have written: "Mable" or "Lulu" or maybe "Trixyie"

Belshazzar and the handwriting on the wall! When God Writes, Men Tremble!

When we point a finger - three point back at us!

Old Adage = People who live in glass houses , , , , should not take showers during rush hour!

(recent article, Hotel with all glass walls, bathroom exposed to the view of street below)

Heb. 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

WHEN LOOKING FOR FAULTS, WE SHOULD USE A MIRROR AND NOT A TELESCOPE!

MATT. 7:1-5 Beam and Moat Speck and Log – NASB

MATT. 7:1-5 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ²For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and ³by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how ⁴can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵You

hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. NASB

ROMANS 2:1-3 !!!!! Then 21-25.

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Rom 2:2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Rom 2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Rom 2:21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

Rom 2:22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

Rom 2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

Rom 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Rom 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

A Word from the Lord does it's work! "THEY WENT OUT...."

Cf. **Luke. 13:17** Bowed (possessed) woman healed on the Sabbath....All His Adversaries were ashamed!

Luk 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.

Luk 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, **Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

Luk 13:14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

Luk 13:15 The Lord then answered him, and said, ***Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?***

Luk 13:16 ***And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?***

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Luk 13:17 And when he had said these things, **all his adversaries were ashamed:** and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

(My mind's eye pictures something I saw in Paris, entering the Metro, a "bowed woman" tiny, aged, doubled over (literally), begging. It was all she could do)

III. THE ADMONITION TO THE TRULY RIGHTEOUS **John 8:11**

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, **Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?**

Joh 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

His attitude toward the woman = **Jn. 3:17** Not **CONDEMN** but **SAVE!**

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Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them!" **LUKE 9:56**

Luk 9:56 **For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*.**

WE ARE TO HATE SIN AND LOVE THE SINNER!

Luk 5:32 I came not to **call the righteous**, but **sinners** to repentance.

I Tim. 1:15-17 Christ to save...I Am chief...

1Ti 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to **save sinners; of whom I am chief.**

"TO RECEIVE GOD'S APPROVAL, WE MUST FIRST **BELIEVE THE GOSPEL**, THEN **BEHAVE THE GOSPEL.**"

Those today who put "social justice" above receiving Christ don't understand anything about the gospel. Treating others in a **Christ-like** manner requires that we ourselves be **like-Christ** – and this we can only do when we are **Born again!**

Rom. 5-6 SIN - GRACE ABOUND.

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

Lk. 12:1-3 Nothing covered that will not be revealed!..."

Luk 12:1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**

Luk 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Luk 12:3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

"**THOSE WHO TRULY KNOW GOD WILL BE HUMBLD. THOSE WHO TRUTHFULLY KNOW THEMSELVES, CANNOT BE PROUD!**"

Jesus said "I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly." **Jn. 10:10.**

But He never said that we would find the abundant life by living in reckless disregard for His guidelines of the NT.

Although it is true that God loves us in spite of our sin and that he wants us to enjoy the forgiveness he has provided, it is also true that he requires of us that we walk in a way pleasing to him. **"Be ye holy for I am Holy"**