

The most misused, misquoted,
out of **context** verses



Christians use and **abuse**
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your copy of God's Word
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We shall not all sleep,
but we shall all be
Changed
1 Cor 15:51





10 For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels
charge over you,
To keep you,’

11 and,

‘In their hands they shall bear
you up,
Lest you dash your foot against
a stone.’”

Luke 4

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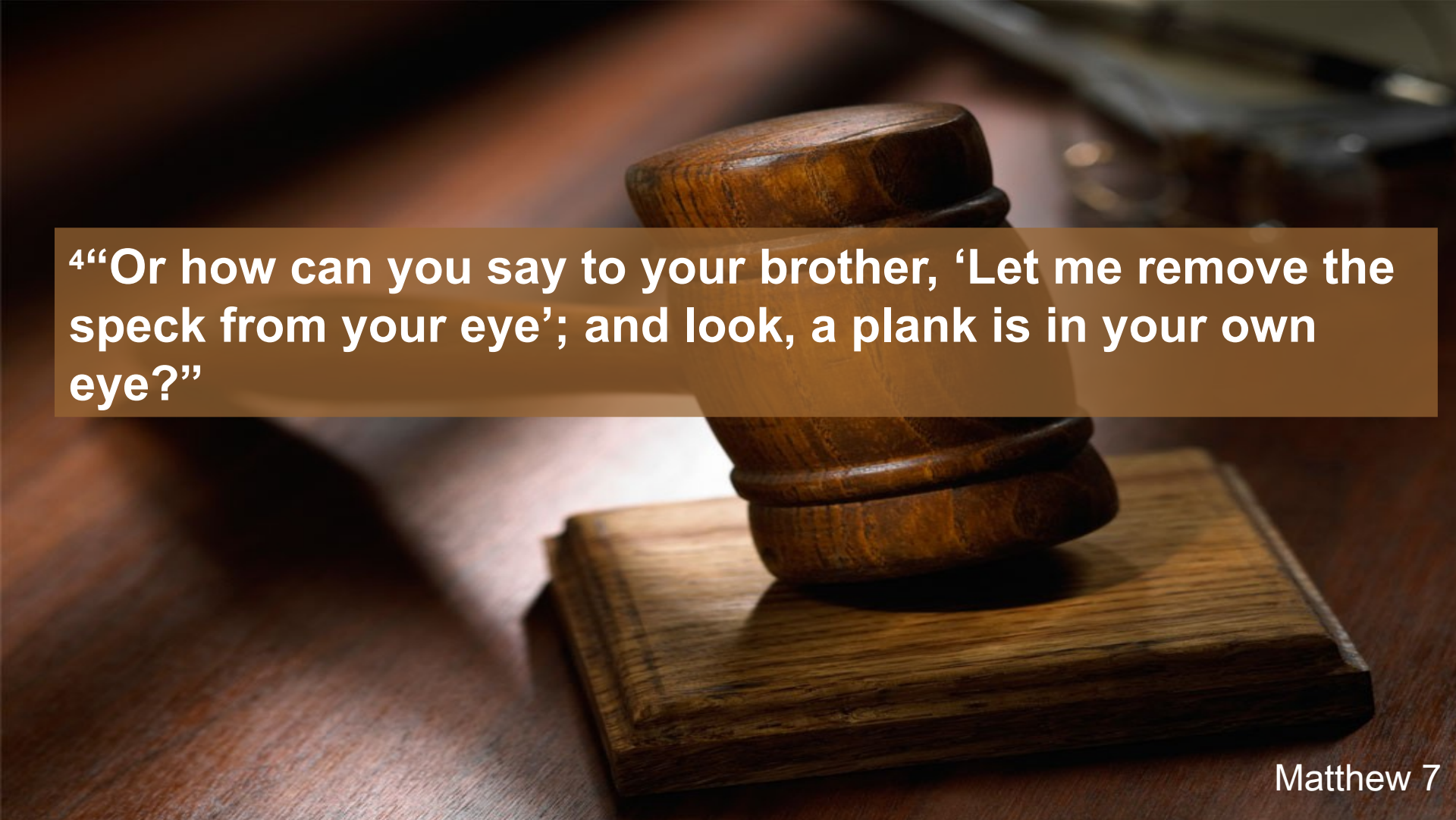
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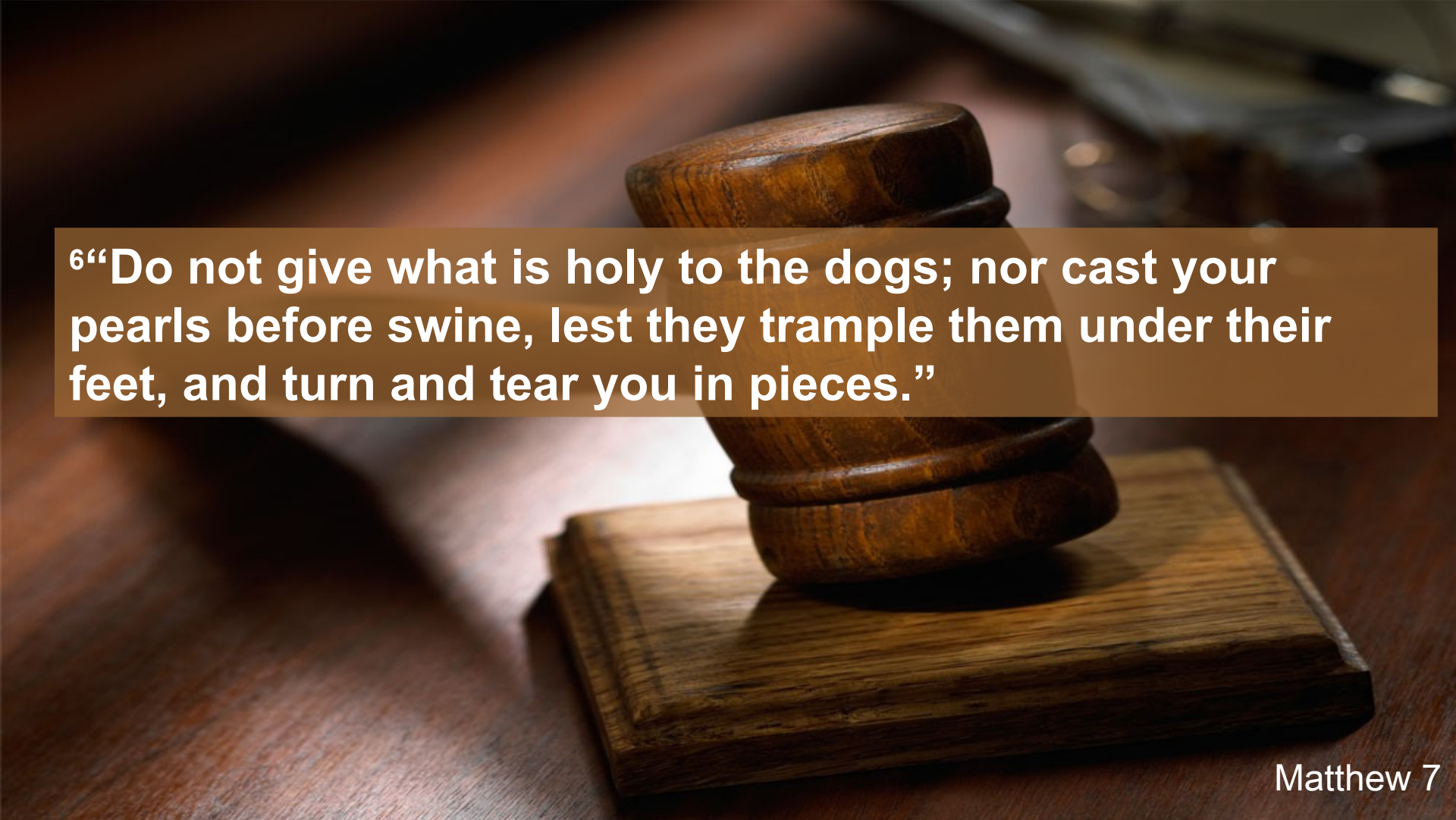
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Have you ever been judged by someone?

Have you ever been criticized for being a little different or for maybe doing something different from everyone else?

Have you ever been unfairly judged or criticized by someone who didn't even know you or your situation?

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20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

6:1-4, Jesus instructed us **not** to do charitable deeds... “as the hypocrites do” (to be seen of men).

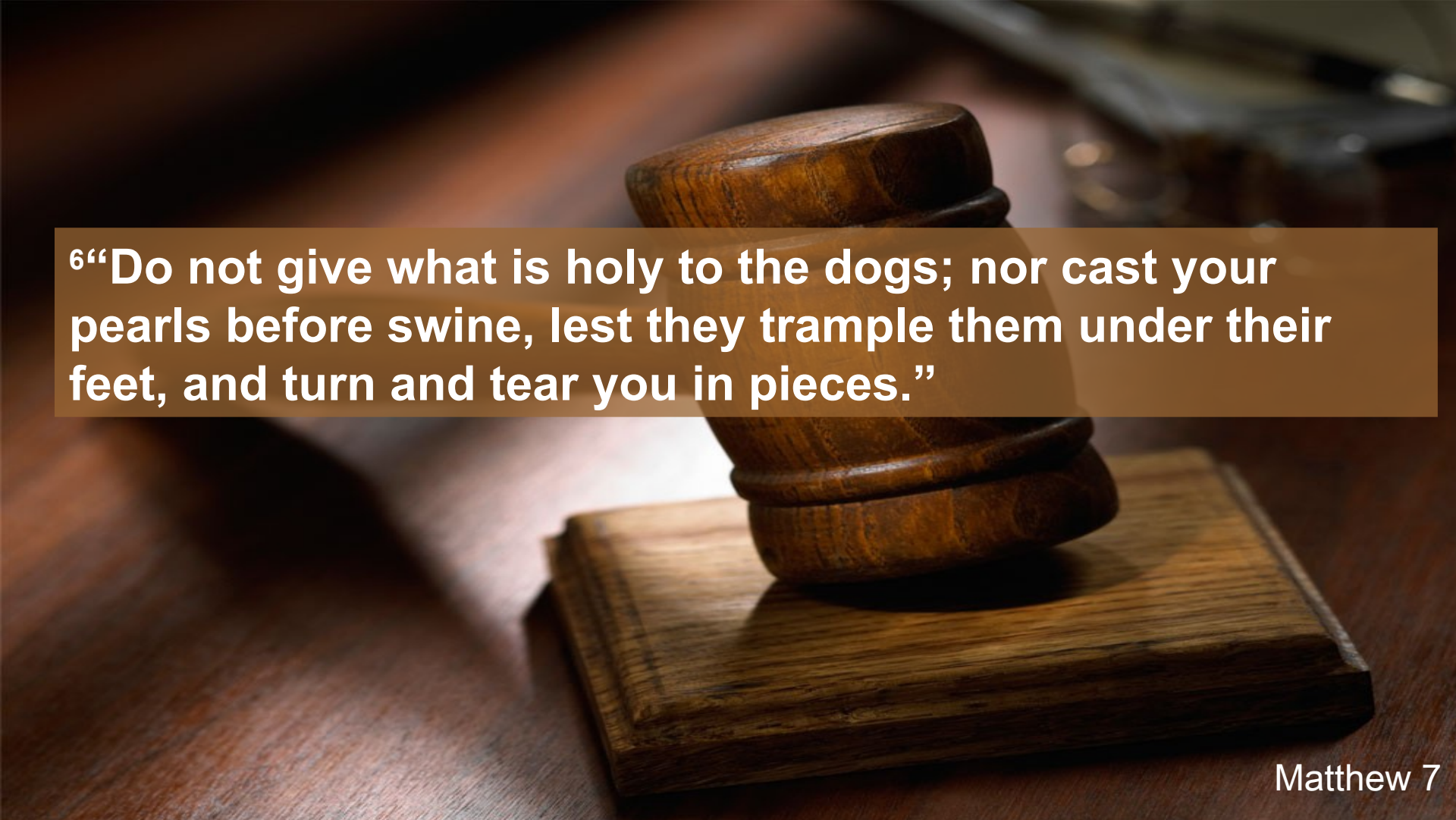
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15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. ...

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

Galatians 6

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

1 Corinthians 5

11 I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person....

13 ...Therefore, put away from yourselves the evil person.

Ephesians 5


11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

Romans 16

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.


John 7

24 “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

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JUDGE (*krino*) –

- 1. ordinary discernment or evaluation**
- 2. judicial litigation**
- 3. bestowal of reward**
- 4. pronouncement of guilt**
- 5. absolute determination of a person's fate**

Luke 6


35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

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37 “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

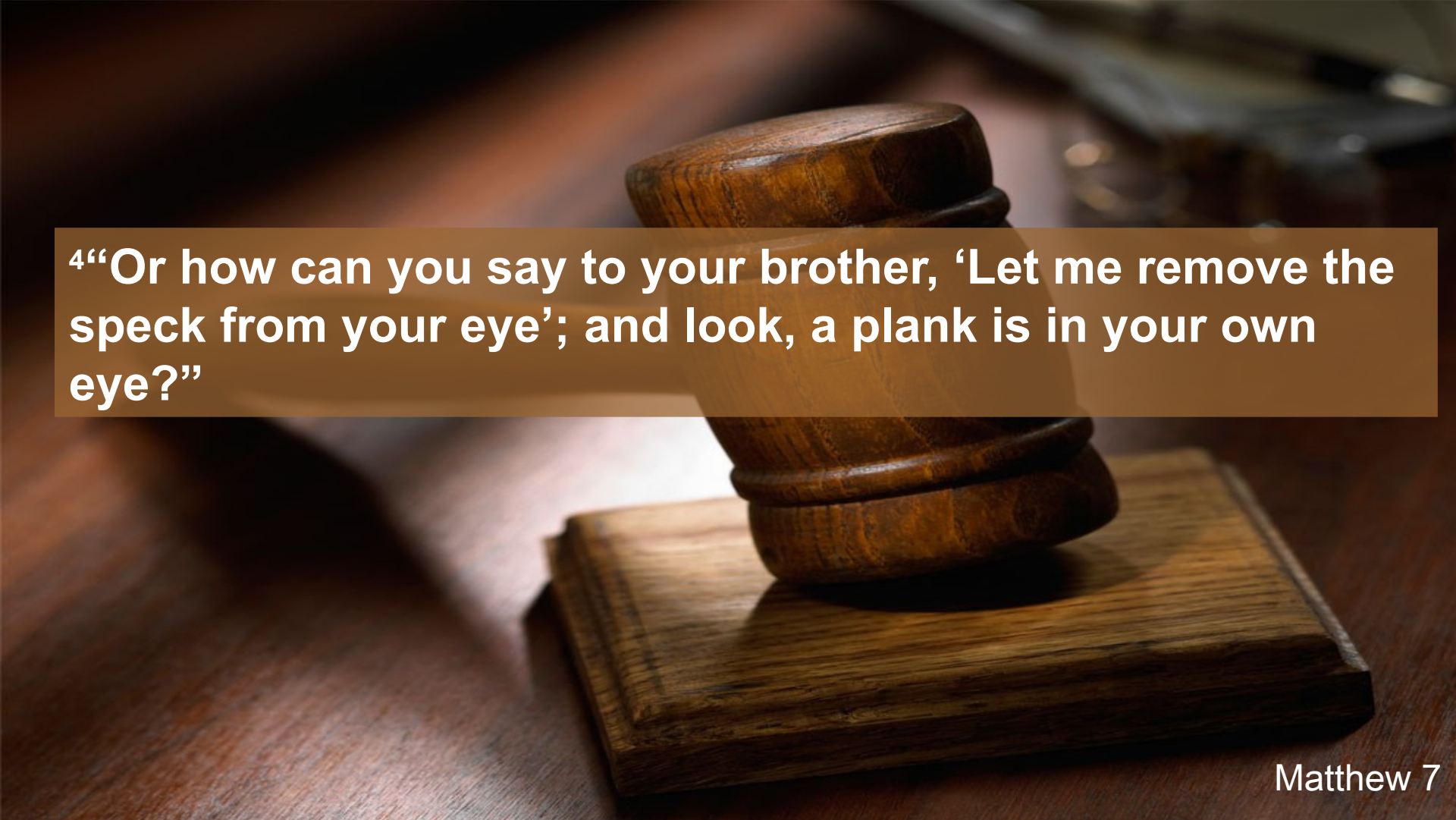
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There is a difference between being judgmental
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1 Cor. 2:15 says that
“he who is spiritual judges *all* things.”

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Application



1. DO judge.

Use good judgment to discern
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‘JUDGE NOT’?

Jesus is not encouraging people to be free from any moral restraint with no standard to be shared, explained and upheld.



‘JUDGE NOT’?

Jesus is not forbidding all moral judgment or accountability.



‘JUDGE NOT’?

Rather, He is forbidding superficial, hypocritical, harsh, unforgiving, self-righteous judgment that condemns others especially without first evaluating one's own spiritual condition and sin.

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2. DO judge
our own lives, thoughts and actions
and regularly deal with the “plank” in our own eye.



‘JUDGE NOT’?

When we judge ourselves, we realize how corrupted our minds are, how sinful our desires, and how detestable our behavior before God is.

Such a humbling act can only lead to our being entirely thankful for God’s grace towards us.



‘JUDGE NOT’?

Once we see our sins, then our judgment will not be clouded by envy, or self-righteousness; instead it will be cleared by thankfulness to God for His grace and led by compassion for my hurting and sinful brother or sister.

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3. Judge NOT
(like the hypocrites) without humility, love and
compassion and a goal of restoration.

People always tell me, 'Judge not, lest ye be judged.' I reply, 'Twist not Scripture, lest ye be like Satan.'

- Paul Washer

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