

YOUR MOTIVES IN JUDGING

PROPER ADMONITION

- Christian rebuke that comes from a sincere love to bring blessings to a fellow saint (**Ga.6:1; Ja.5:19-20**)
- “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” (**Ga.6:1**)
- ¹⁹Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins (**Ja.5:19-20**)

DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER

- Christian rebuke that comes from a desire to cover up one’s own sin, or make oneself look good in comparison
- Even if the rebuke is deserved you make yourself a law-giver all based on personal “gains” (**Ja.4:11-12**).
- There is a fine line between a proper admonition and defamation of character.
- The focus is not on the one being judged, but on the one doing the judging.
- If you make someone else look bad, that somehow will make you look better.
- Repentance is not the desire, because this ends the matter (**Mt.18:15-20**).

