

# Luke 6:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye,  
but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

## Analysis

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Why beholdest thou mote in brother eye but perceivest not beam in own eye. Why ti what reason. Beholdest blepeis observe notice. Mote karpheos splinter speck. Brother adelphos fellow believer. Eye ophthalmos. Perceivest katanoeis consider. Not ou negative. Beam dokos log plank. Own idiō your own. Hyperbole exaggeration for effect. Judge minor faults in others ignore major faults in self. Hypocritical judgment. Must examine self before judging others. Reformed theology emphasizes self-examination confession of own sin before addressing others. Church discipline requires humility not self-righteousness.

## Historical Context

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Pharisees judged others harshly excused self. Condemned Sabbath healings while neglecting justice mercy. See ceremonial violations miss moral failures. Jesus exposes hypocrisy. Church discipline must begin with self-examination Galatians 6:1 restore in spirit of gentleness considering yourself. Not that church cannot judge (1 Cor 5) but must do humbly. Medieval church sometimes harsh judgment without self-reflection. Reformation emphasized all sinners need grace. Modern cancel culture judges harshly no grace. Christian discipline balances truth grace humility accountability. Must remove log before removing speck.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What does exaggerated image log versus speck teach about hypocrisy of judging others harshly?
2. How should believers balance necessity of church discipline with humility about own sin?

## Interlinear Text

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τί	δὲ	βλέπεις	τὸ	κάρφος	τὸ	ἐν	τῷ	ὀφθαλμῷ
why	And	beholdest thou	G3588	the mote	G3588	that is in	G3588	eye
G5101	G1161	G991		G2595		G1722		G3788
τοῦ	ἀδελφοῦ	σου	τὴν	δὲ	δοκὸν	τὴν	ἐν	τῷ
G3588	brother's	thy	G3588	And	the beam	G3588	that is in	G3588
	G80	G4675		G1161	G1385		G1722	
ἰδίῳ	ὀφθαλμῷ	οὐ	κατανοεῖς					
thine own	eye	not	perceivest					
G2398	G3788	G3756	G2657					

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 8:7** (Parallel theme): So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

**Romans 2:1** (Parallel theme): 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.

**James 1:24** (Parallel theme): For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

**Jeremiah 17:9** (Parallel theme): The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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