

# Matthew 7:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;  
and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy  
brother's eye.

## Analysis

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First remove your own log, then you'll see clearly to help your brother. This isn't prohibiting all judgment but commanding honest self-judgment first. After dealing with your own sin, you're qualified to help others humbly and clearly, no longer a hypocrite but a repentant helper.

## Historical Context

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Jesus doesn't forbid church discipline or discernment (Matthew 18 outlines discipline procedures). Rather, He forbids hypocritical judgment that condemns others while excusing self. Paul similarly commands self-examination before correcting others (Galatians 6:1).

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. What does it look like to practice both ruthless self-judgment and merciful patience with others?

2. How has your own experience of sin and repentance equipped you to help others with compassion?

## Interlinear Text

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ὑποκριτά,	ἐκβαλεῖν	πρῶτον	τὴν	δοκὸν	ἐκ	τοῦ
<b>Thou hypocrite</b>	<b>cast out</b>	<b>first</b>	G3588	<b>the beam</b>	<b>out of</b>	G3588
G5273	G1544	G4412		G1385	G1537	
ὀφθαλμοῦ	σου	καὶ	τότε	διαβλέψεις	ἐκβαλεῖν	τὸ
<b>eye</b>	<b>thine own</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>then</b>	<b>shalt thou see clearly</b>	<b>cast out</b>	G3588
G3788	G4675	G2532	G5119	G1227	G1544	
κάρφος	ἐκ	τοῦ	ὀφθαλμοῦ	τοῦ	ἀδελφοῦ	σου
<b>the mote</b>	<b>out of</b>	G3588	<b>eye</b>	G3588	<b>brother's</b>	<b>thine own</b>
G2595	G1537		G3788		G80	G4675

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 6:42** (Parallel theme): Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

**Luke 13:15** (Parallel theme): 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?

**Matthew 22:18** (Parallel theme): But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

**Luke 4:23** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.