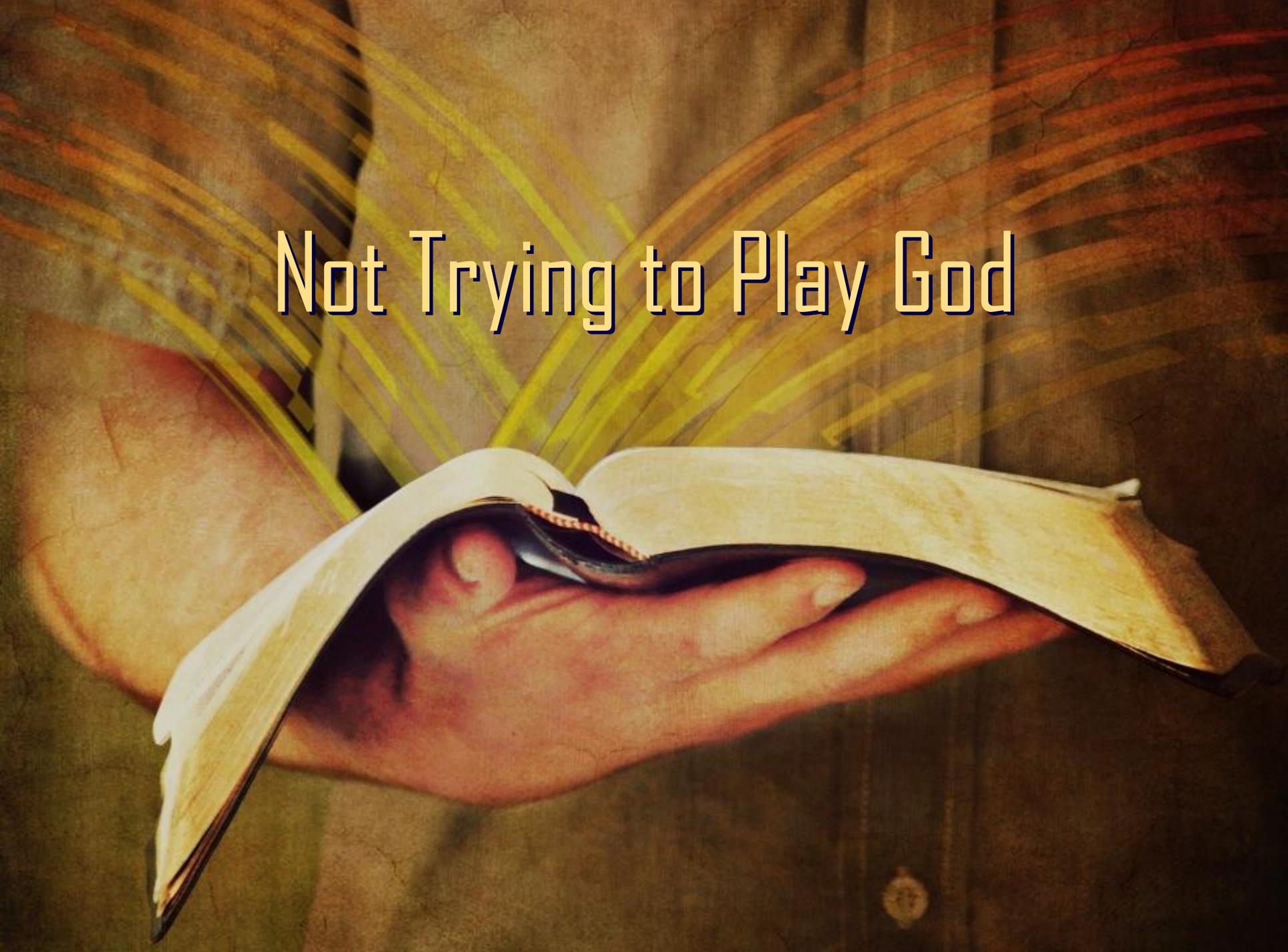


Not Trying to Play God





James 4:11-12

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**WE'RE PLAYING
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**... WHEN WE
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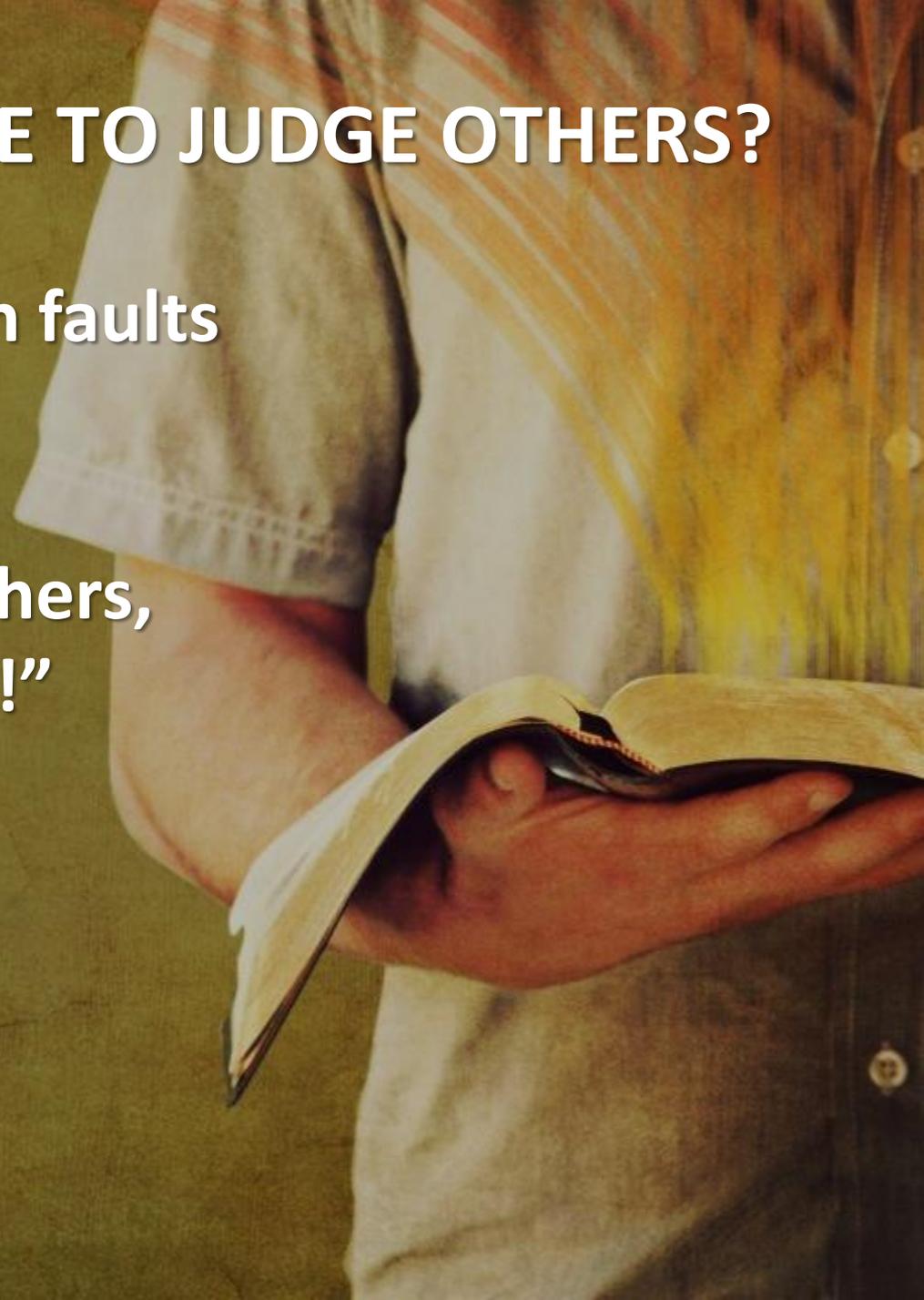
"So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them, and yet do the same thing, do you think you will escape God's judgment?"

- Romans 2:3

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“We like to *accuse* others,
and *excuse* ourselves!”



I. WHY DO WE LIKE TO JUDGE OTHERS?

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2. To APPEAL to our pride

"The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts!"

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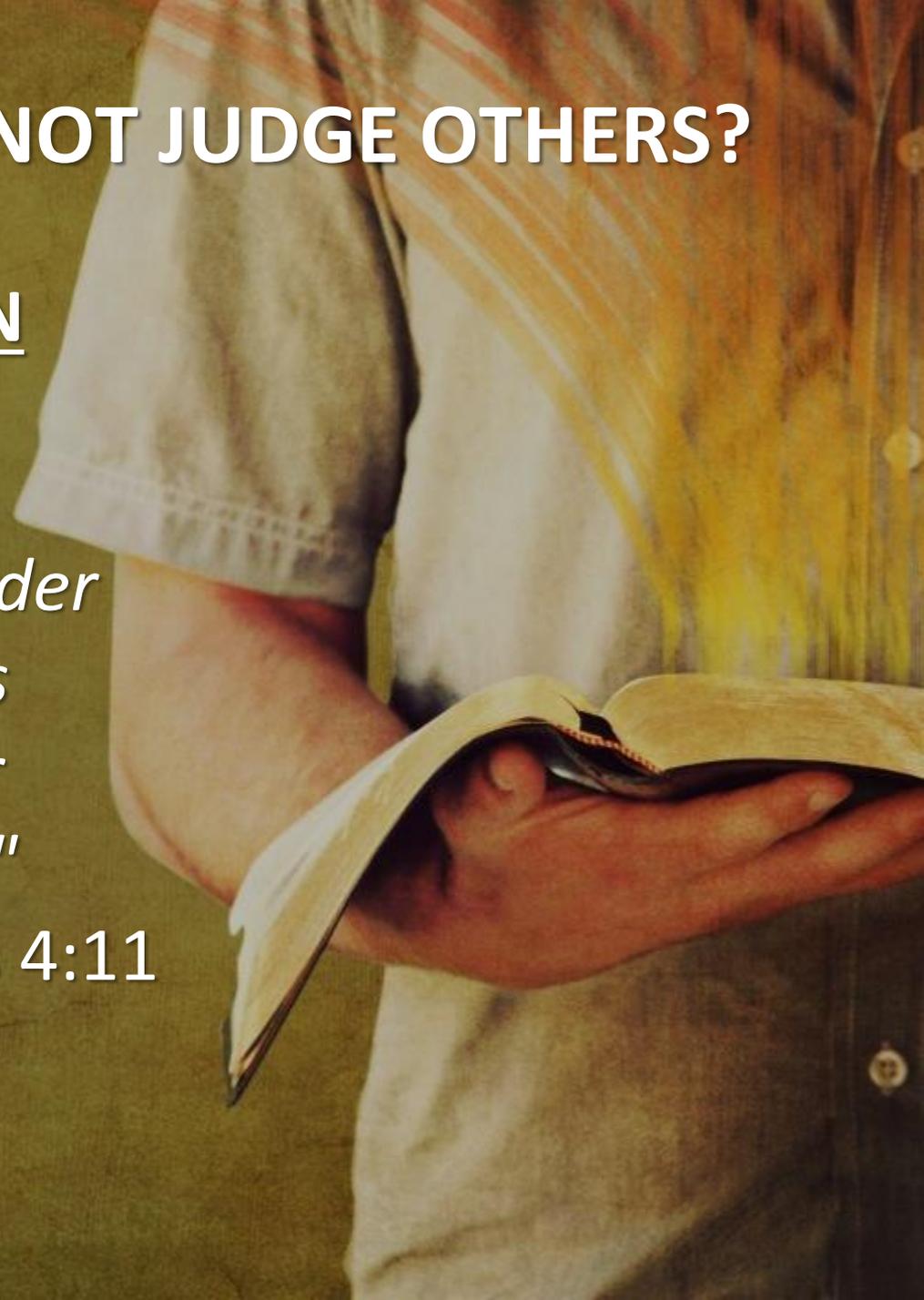


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III. WHEN IS IT WRONG TO JUDGE OTHERS?

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"You therefore have no excuse, you who pass judgement on someone else. For at whatever point you judge others you're condemning yourself for you who pass judgement do the same thing."

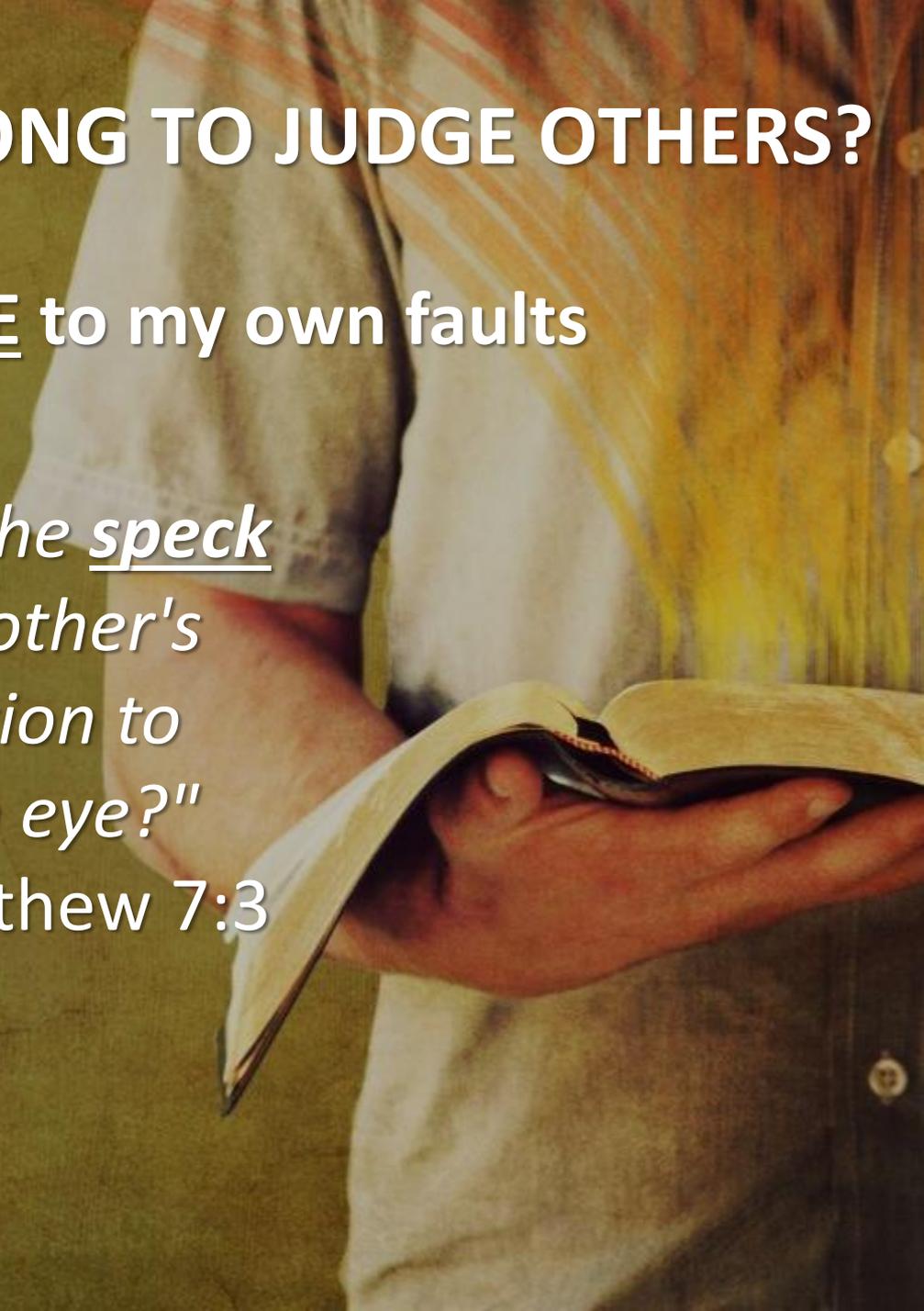
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III. WHEN IS IT WRONG TO JUDGE OTHERS?

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"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

- Matthew 7:3

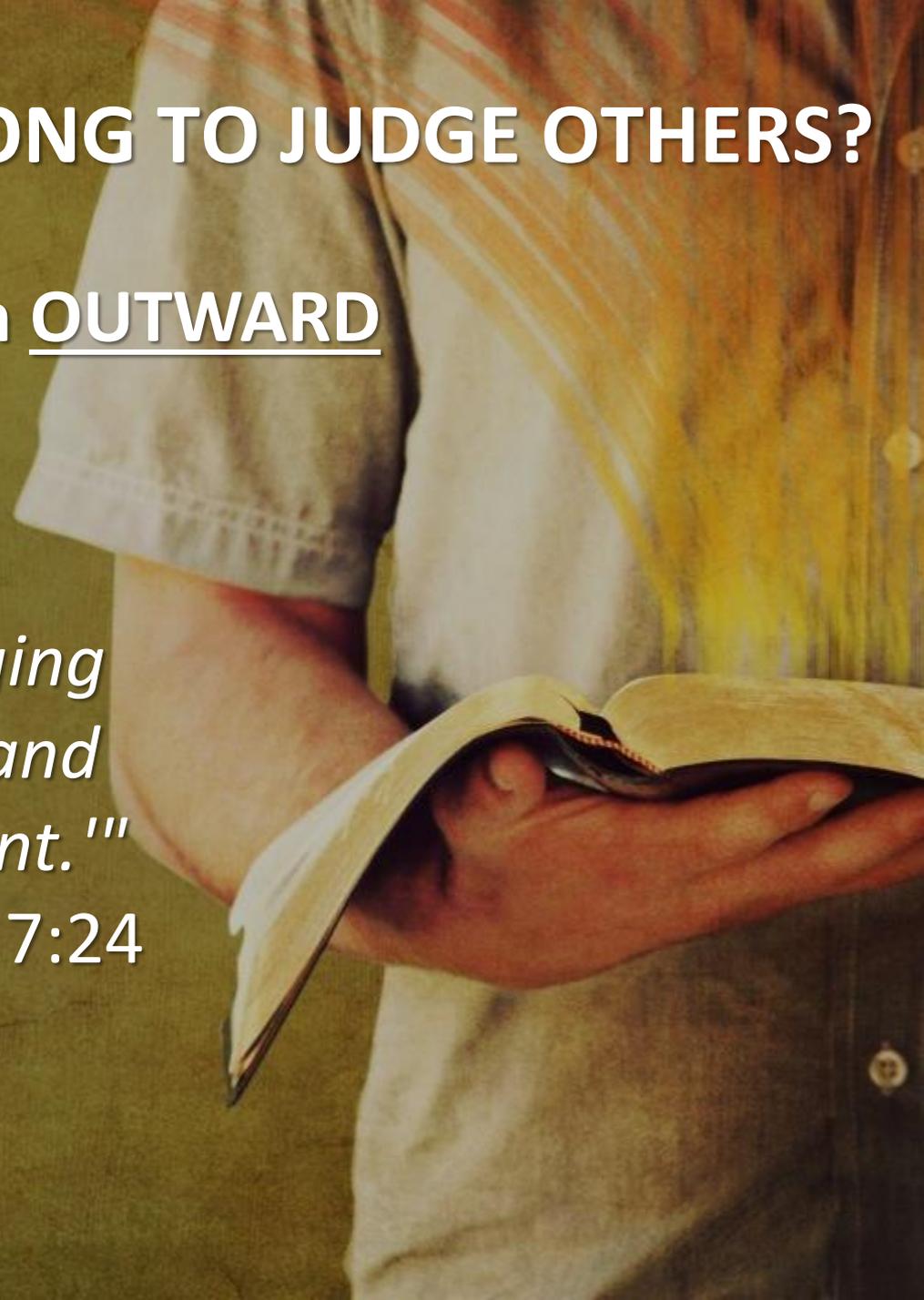


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"Nicodemus who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number asked `Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?'"

- John 7:51

III. WHEN IS IT WRONG TO JUDGE OTHERS?

5. When it's based on EXTERNAL observances

"Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat, drink, or regard to religious festivals, a new moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the thing to come. Reality, however, is found in Christ."

- Colossians 2:16

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“hate the sin, but love the sinner”



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IV. HOW TO STOP JUDGING OTHERS

1. Remember that I'll be judged by the SAME STANDARDS that I use to judge other people

"Do not judge others, so that God will not judge you, for God will judge you in the same way you judge others, and he will apply to you the same rules you apply to others."

- Matthew 7:1-2

IV. HOW TO STOP JUDGING OTHERS

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2. Remember that each of us is ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD.

"Every one of us, then, will have to give an account of himself to God. So then, let us stop judging one another."

- Romans 14:12-13





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"... Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13

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