

Reflection

“Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give in to your bosom. For with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

Today's passage deals with judgment and harshness. We are commanded to deal with our sins first including our judgment towards others. Then we can have an attitude of love and forgiveness for those who are struggling.

Jesus is addressing self-complacency as well as critical spirit that comes from a sense of self - righteousness. It is interesting to know that this passage follows directly after Jesus' instruction to love one's enemies and bear persecutions if any in his name. Jesus is dealing with false condemnation from the Pharisees who were attending his meetings and criticizing him. Jesus is explaining to his disciples how he dealt with his enemies and how he wanted them to do the same.

Dear readers, judging and condemning others makes us blind and it results in boastfulness of oneself and undermining of others.

The passage encourages us to deal with our own sins and weaknesses so the we are in a position to judge and help someone to get rid of his/ her sins and leave the judgment in the hands of God.

Prayer

Almighty God, give us the sight to look into our lives honestly with our shortcoming and keep us away from judging others. Amen.