

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Romans 14:13

We are quick to judge the actions of others, but are we so quick to judge ourselves? There are enough things already available to cause our spiritual stumbling without us adding to each other's burden. We have enough discouragement from Satan and evil to deal with, without having to be concerned about how our siblings in Christ are going to treat us or react. Our own actions towards other believers are the highest priority we have. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love one for another."



If we strive with one another we are yielding to the whispers of evil. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." God hates discord. "six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him...and he that soweth discord among brethren." It's not Ok to gossip about personal problems of others under the pretense of a "prayer request." God already knows the specifics. If you must publicly request prayer for someone in sin, request prayer for a spiritual struggle. That's all that needs to be said, if at all. If you are tempted to snub(avoid), complain(state facts), or brag(report) about anything, first, consider the impact it may have on your fellow believer. Something you may have liberty doing, may cause another a temptation to sin. None of us is perfect. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment in all matters involving other believers. He searches and knows hearts and is better informed than we. Above all, seek to draw closer to the Lord Jesus through incessant meditation in His Word and constant prayer. When you start dreaming about praying and Bible reading, you're getting close. We must be obsessed about and possessed by the Word of God.

A critic's eye must not cast,
Upon a brother or his past,
As Christ forgave us all our sin,
Others, too, must be forgiven. ~CGP

I cannot excuse my own sin by blaming a fellow believer's sin.

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12