

¹¹Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.
¹²There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? —James 4:11-12 ESV

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Defamation: the communication of a false statement that harms the reputation of an individual, business, product, group, government, religion or nation. Most jurisdictions allow legal action to deter various kinds of defamation and retaliate against groundless criticism.

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The Practice of Expectation
Your performance precedes my acceptance.

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Where judgment reigns,
 relationships are ruined.

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Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. —Colossians 3:21 ESV

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“Performance that precedes acceptance” is the concept that grinds and drives so much of relational maneuvering in our lives.

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¹Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye?

—Matthew 7:1-4 ESV

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The Practice of Expectation
My demand on you is more important than God's demand on me.

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³⁷And [Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

—Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

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If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

—James 2:8 ESV

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The Practice of Exaltation
My gavel is bigger than God's.

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¹³You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." —Isaiah 14:13-14 ESV

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Luke 18:9-13

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“The Christian faith is the only faith where God both makes and meets the demands.”

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“Man of Sorrows,” what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

—Philip Paul Bliss

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The Practice of Examination
Who are you to judge your neighbor?

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And the Lord said to Satan,
“Have you considered my
servant Job, that there is none
like him on the earth,
a blameless and upright man,
who fears God and turns away
from evil?” —Job 1:8 ESV

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⁷After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. ⁸Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to My servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves.”

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“And My servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.” —Job 42:7-8 ESV

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“... he is a reckless man who deliberately infringes on the prerogatives of God.”
—William Barclay

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I stood on the street of a busy town,
Watching men tearing a building down.
With a “Ho, heave ho,” and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and a side wall fell.

I asked the foreman of the crew,
“Are those men as skilled as those
you’d hire if you wanted to build?”

“Ah, no,” he said, “no indeed,
Just common labor is all I need.”

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“I can tear down as much in a day or two,
As would take skilled men
a year to build and do.”
And then I thought as I went on my way,
Just which of these two roles
am I trying to play?

Have I walked life’s road with care,
Measuring each deed with rule and square?
Or am I one of those who roam the town,
Content with the labor of tearing it down?

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