

I was once rather shocked when a man I knew who had dabbled a bit in psychology said to me, When you hear somebody criticizing somebody else, you are pretty apt to find that the thing he criticizes other people for is the very thing he does himself! I was rather shocked at it. It didn't sound very sensible to me. But as I have observed ~~through~~ through the years since, I've been amazed how true a statement it is. And I think it is very helpful for every one of us. I find that when I get disgusted with something that somebody does; when I am irritated at something that somebody does, at least half the time if I stop and think there is the fault that I have. And perhaps the very fact that I have it is what leads me to be so disgusted at seeing it in someone else.

But it is helpful to learn to know yourself. It is helpful to note what you criticize other people for, whether vocally or whether just in your mind. But notice what you criticize other people for not in order to criticize them, because God is the Judge-- not to criticize them, but to say, Well now, this thing irritates me; this thing offends me that that person has done. Am I guilty of that? Do I do that same thing? I commend that to you as a help in striving unto blood against sin.

But now, as we were noticing, the world is not all evil. It is a good world. All the evil that is in the world will pass away. The world God has made is a good world. It is our Father's world, and God wants us to enjoy the good things of this world while we are here.

I heard a story told of someone whom I think had quite a perverted idea of Christianity. Some years ago when ice cream