

## Judging Motives

### Mature Response

1. Recognize the fact that I can't judge motives, only Christ can.

2. I have to get to the root of the problem for why I am judging. *1. I have*

*hypocrisy the same sin (b) under law not grace*

3. Apply God's truth to the root cause...

- a) Self-image
- b) Holding others' opinion or my feelings above God's word.

4. I need to separate <sup>their</sup> my sin from ~~my~~ character and remember what God has already done *in their life*

- (a) *humility to acknowledge own log - forgive their spe*
- (b) *wisdom to know how to help them*
- (c) *courage to do it*
- (d) *plan of action*

### Biblical Basis

• I Cor.4:1-5  
Mt.7:1-

• Position Truths  
a) Ps.139  
Rom.8:1  
b) Gal.2:11-16  
Acts 10:  
Acts 15:7-11

• Christ's View of Peter (Rock) even when he was failing God's Role in Sanctification.

• Phil.1:6  
II Cor 12:9,10  
I Thess 5:23  
Rom.8:1

*Mt.7:3-11*

### Correct Discipline

1. Objectivity is your friend

- a) list actual events which led to this.
- b) list of positive statements from same person.

*c) remove to of judging  
d) ask forgiven*

2. People are not just thinking or talking about me (selfish).

3. Point them to God's view.

*Grace & forgiveness to her. Why judge?*

4. Reaffirm my love for her.

## Expectations

### Mature Response

1. Recognize there's a proper person to depend upon -- God.

- a) We can afford to be dependent upon God because He gives us the fulfillment we crave.

2. Experiencing God's love will free you from the clutches of self-doubt and aching for constant attention.

3. Express God's love in sacrificial giving.

### Biblical Basis

• Prov.3:5,6

• Phil.4:18  
Eph.3:20

• I John 4:16

• Acts 20:35  
John 13:35

### Correct Discipline

1. Recognize her need for affirmation.

2. Redirect her attention to the proper source of support -- God (because people will let her down).

3. Encourage her to cultivate thankfulness for all of God's work in her life and for His love for her.

4. Have her list ways she can practice sacrificial love.

5. Reaffirm your love for her.

## Manipulation

### Mature Response

1. Transfer your rights to God.
  - a) use them to advance God's work and to serve others
  - b) understand that God will work for my good.
  - c) thank God in advance—whatever the outcome
  - d) expect God to test His rights
  
2. Focus on the spiritual qualities that God is seeking to develop in you. Trust Him for...
  - a) material security
  - b) a man
  - c) stability
  - d) a positive vs. a negative outlook
  - e) ministry/leader's affirmation

### Biblical Basis

- I Pet.2:21-23
  
- Mt. 25 (stewardship)
- Mk.10 (servant)
  
- Rom.8:28
  
- I Thess.5:18
  
- Jms 1  
Rom.5  
I Pet.4  
II Pet.1 (proven character)
  
- Phil.1:6  
II Pet.1:5-9  
I Thess 5:24
  
- Mt.6

### Correct Discipline

1. Don't give a manipulator what she wants.
  
2. Make a list of what she thinks she wants.
  
3. Work with her thru the feelings and the root cause for her manipulation.
  
4. She should be made to take responsibility for the negative consequences of her actions.
  
5. Help her to transfer her rights to God.
  
6. Reaffirm your love.

## Gossip

### Mature Response

1. Acknowledge that gossip is my own sin and one that God despises.
  
2. Discover the root cause for why I want to gossip.
  
3. Plan ahead and ask God for ideas of questions that would keep the conversation positive.
  
4. God wants me to concentrate on Phil.4:8 -- every quality, not only that it is true.
  
5. Realize that gossip and agape love are totally incompatible.  
Any negative emotion which blocks compassion is sinful.

### Biblical Basis

- Jms.3
  
- Rom.13:14
  
- Phil.4:8
  
- I Cor.13:7
  
- Rom.12:9ff  
Rom.13:8

### Correct Discipline

1. Determine what the problem is. Is she gossiping because she is just annoyed?
  - a) if so, she must realize that her focus is not on others but on herself.
  - have her list out good qualities of that person.
  - have her list ways to serve and act on them.
  
2. If it really is an issue, ask her if she's gone to the person and talked to her.
  - a) if she hasn't, she must (Mt.18:15)
  - b) if she says she has, ask her if it was resolved. If she said it was, ask her why she is choosing to continue to talk about it.
  - she must forgive the person in her heart.

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- get them on my side.
- feel better about myself by tearing others down.
- get the focus off of me.
- appear spiritually interested.

### Reasons For

- My mom was information control for the family.
- I feel threatened when my friend, or someone who I want desperately to be my friend, talks fondly or spends time with another person.
- Gossiping distracts attention from pressing personal problems.
- A permissive home talks instead of disciplines (without the intention of correcting).

### Wrong Response (thinking/actions)

- I'm not important unless I know everybody's business.
- I cut the other person down.
- Causing division and slandering others elevates my position with you.
- I become competent about spiritualizing and focusing on others.
- When I'm in the wrong -- I'll blameshift and counterattack.

## Manipulation

### I need to figure out a way to...

- get that guy to pay attention to me.
- get control of this situation without being obvious.
- get sympathy by [withdrawing or playing the martyr or being sick].
- get in with the popular girls.
- get attention from the leaders.

### Reasons For

- society teaches me to use my body in whatever way necessary to get a man to pay attention to me (and mom never refuted it).
- I was always able to control my environment (my parents; my siblings; my friends) by: manipulation/ threats/ lying/ force.
- The only time I was given special attention was when I was sick or withdrew.
- I was taught not to rock the boat...and be sneaky to do it.
- I watched how my mom avoided negative attention by manipulating.

### Wrong Response (thinking/actions)

- I need to dress and act provocatively and get male attention.
- I get in a guy's "space"/ eye-shot.
- I serve men...which will obligate them to do something for me.
- One area I always have control of is my body (anorexia/bulemia).
- In a situation where I am under someone else's authority, I...
  - pretend to submit in order to give me 'space' to do my own thing in private.
  - draw attention away from myself to someone else's problem to avoid submitting.
  - counter-attack and try to intimidate the authority.
  - can't stand failure so I blame-shift and change the subject to avoid confrontation.
- I ask leading questions to project my own bad feelings.
- I have to feel secure.
- When I'm asked "what's wrong", I say "nothing".
- I talk about my physical problems a lot.
- I leave out significant details to avoid unpleasant results.
- I lead a double-life. Manipulation keeps people from really knowing me.

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• able to point out weaknesses of others