

## Luke 6:37-38

*"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

Verse 37 in today's devotional is one of the most quoted, and misquoted verses in the bible. People are so quick to quote "***Judge not, and you shall not be judged***" and even then, they do not really quote it as it is written, because they say, "Judge not lest you be judged" which sounds cool and almost like it's King James English. But the KJV reads as, "***Judge not, and ye shall not be judged.***" Or in **Matthew 7:1 (KJV)** "***Judge not, that ye be not judged.***"

But if you think about it, people are quick to quote this verse, but not all of it. Once again, they love to quote the first portion "***Judge not, and you shall not be judged***" but if they quoted all of verse 37 in its context, why are they not quoting the last part, which says "***Forgive, and you will be forgiven.***" And we can take it even further and sum it all up with the end of verse 38, "***For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.***"

So, when people quote, or misquote the first part of verse 37, if what they are saying is measured against themselves, would they really be quoting it? And are they not measuring out the fact that they are not "***forgiving***" So they "***will not be forgiven***"?

I like how the Message bible puts verse 37:

† **Luke 6:37 (MSG)** "***Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults— unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier.***"

Those who quote part of this verse, are usually not a Christian, and what they are doing is judging Christians. So, what they tell us not to do "judge not," they are doing "judging."

But once again the Message bible speaks to us in a way that we can all relate to, because how many of us have had "***failures***" and "***faults***" and we want others to sympathies with us when we do because we already know we failed, and we don't need others to "***jump on their failures, criticize their faults***" but rather we need words of encouragement to help us in our walk with the Lord, because we certainly don't "***want the same treatment***" that those who misquote this verse gives.

† **Psalms 135:14** ***For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.***

† **Psalms 6:1-3 (NLT2)** ***O LORD, don't rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your rage. Have compassion on me, LORD, for I am weak. Heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony. I am sick at heart. How long, O LORD, until you restore me?***

† **Micah 7:19** *He will again have compassion on us,  
And will subdue our iniquities.  
You will cast all our sins  
Into the depths of the sea.*