

**FAULT FINDERS**  
**THE PARABLE OF THE MOTE AND THE BEAM**  
Matthew 7:1-5

**Message**

**I. The folly (error) of judging others (v.1) compared with Romans 2:1**

- man judge with condemnation
- only God can judge (Romans 2:2-3)

**II. The truth of recompense (v.2)**

- the weight of judging and of judgement

**III. The significance of the mote and beam**

- keen sighted as to the faults of others and blind to their own shortcomings
- the sin of censorious judgement

**IV. Looking at someone's mote and not seeing his own beam us a manifestation of :**

- a. inconsistency
- b. self-righteousness
- c. self-deception
- d. unloving
- e. hypocrisy

**V. The 3-fold lesson:**

- a. the fault-finder always have the faults they rebuke
- b. the fault-finder may have the faults they rebuke in others, in greater measure in themselves  
Our job is to cure our own faults than curing other's faults.
- c. We should judge no man unless it be our responsibility to do so, and if we do, we must judge the offense not the offended, confining our judgement to the earthly side of the fault, and to leave the relation of the one judged to God who sees the heart.

**VI. What we should practice rather is to live by:**

- a. example
- b. lowliness
- c. love
- d. prayer