

# *What Keeps Us from Being Qualified to Judge Others?*

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*"Therefore judge nothing before the time" (I Corinthians 4:5).*

*"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?" (Romans 14:4).*

*"Let us not therefore judge one another any more" (Romans 14:13).*

**F**reeing others means we never assume a position we're not qualified to fill. This, in one sentence, is enough to stop any person from judging another. We're not qualified. We lack full knowledge. How often we have jumped to wrong conclusions, made judgmental statements, only to find out later how off base we were ... then wished we could have cut our tongues out.

What keeps us from being qualified to judge?

- ◆ We do not know all the facts.
- ◆ We are unable to read motives.
- ◆ We find it impossible to be totally objective.
- ◆ We lack "the big picture."
- ◆ We live with blind spots.
- ◆ We are prejudiced and have blurred perspectives.
- ◆ Most of all, we ourselves are imperfect and inconsistent.

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