



GUIDANCE FOR JUDGING

- JUDGE BY GOD'S LAW
- JUDGE IMPARTIALLY
- JUDGE BY ACTIONS/FRUITS
- JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY
- JUDGE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY

John 7:10-24 "But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. 11 Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" 12 And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." 13 However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. 14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" 16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or [whether] I speak on My own [authority]. 18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. 19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" 20 The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" 21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. 22 "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. 23 "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? 24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

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RIGHTEOUS
JUDGMENT
JOHN 7:24



To Judge Righteously, we need to judge:

- With the Right Standard

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Righteous Judgement

Judge with the Right Standard

John 5:8-9 "Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."
9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed,
and walked. And that day was the Sabbath."

Righteous Judgement

Judge with the Right Standard

John 5:16-18 “For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” 18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

Righteous Judgement

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Matthew 15:2-3, 8-9 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ... 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with [their] lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching [as] doctrines the commandments of men.'

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Jeremiah 10:23 “O LORD, I know the way of man [is] not in himself; [It is] not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”

Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way [that seems] right to a man, But its end [is] the way of death.”

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge, [But] fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

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1 Corinthians 2:9-16 "But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is [rightly] judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

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Acts 21:27-29 “Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all [men] everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” 29 (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)”

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Judge with Contemplation

1 Corinthians 13:7 “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

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Proverbs 15:28 “The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.”



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Matthew 12:12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

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Judge with Mercy and Compassion

Proverbs 17:9 “He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.”

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Judge with Mercy and Compassion

James 5:19-20 “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

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1 Peter 4:8 “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”



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Unrighteous Judgement

- We pretend to be the lawgiver

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Pretend to be the Lawgiver

James 4:11-12 “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?”

Similar to the anchor passage from the last lesson **Matthew 7:1-6**



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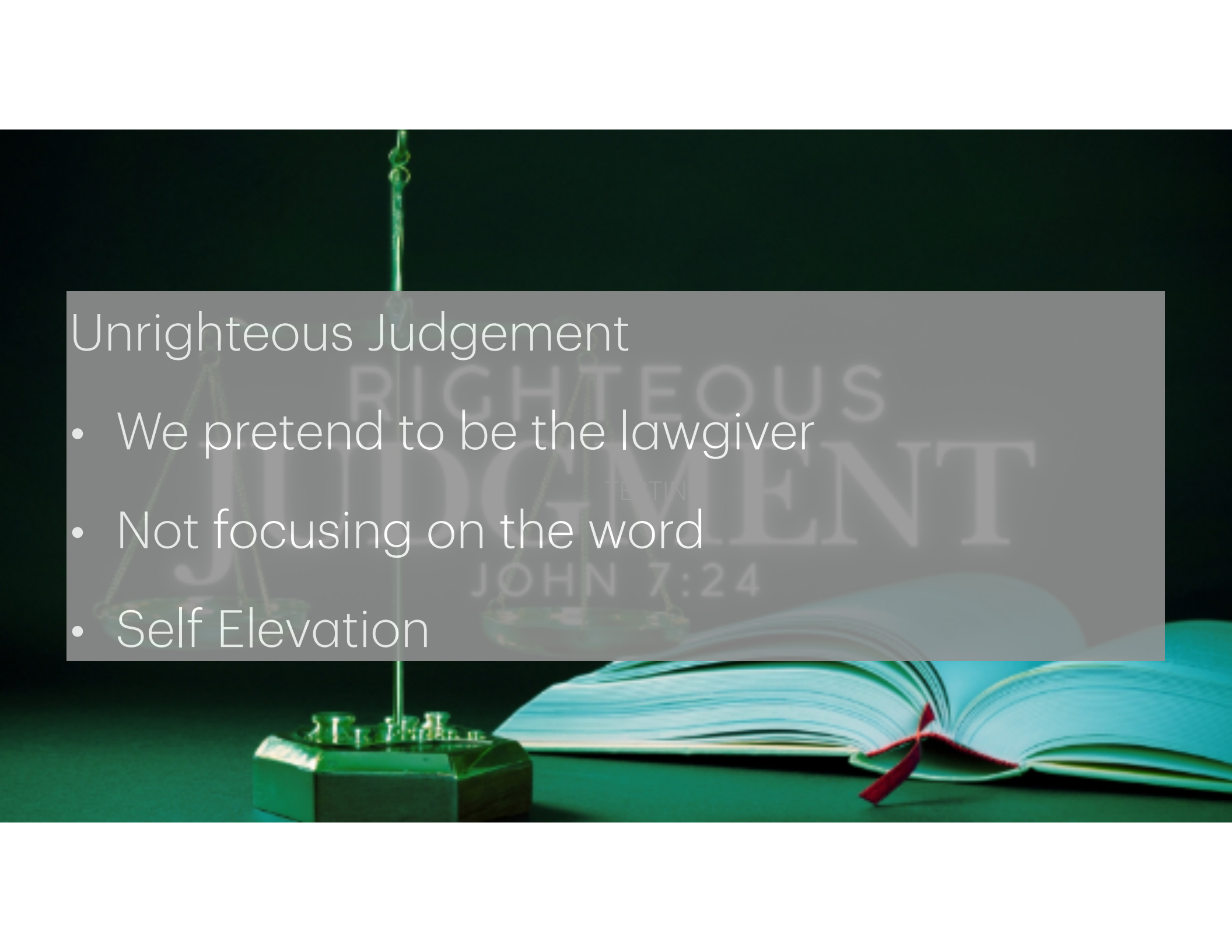
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Colossians 2:8-10, 16-17 “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. ... 16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”

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Not focusing on the word

1 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”



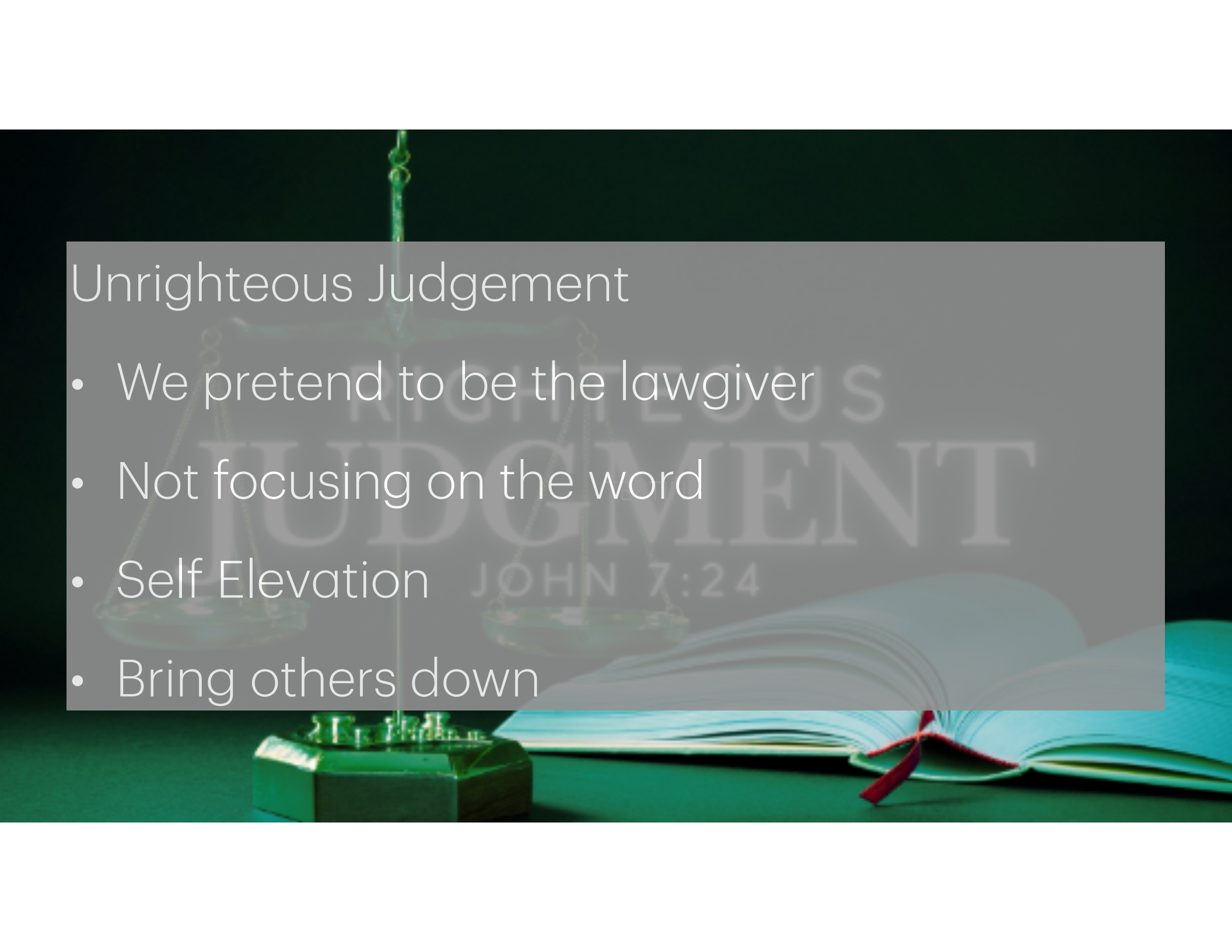
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Self Elevation

Luke 18:11-12 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'"



Unrighteous Judgement

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- Bring others down

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Brings others down

Mark 3:1-2 “And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.”



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