

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Romans 2:1-5*

Title: *"Don't Point Your Finger"*

Central Truth: We need to focus on our own personal spiritual condition before God while recognizing that He will take care of judging others.

I. vv. 1-3: A Warning Against Hypocrisy

v. 1: KJV - **inexcusable, no excuse** - This is the same word used back in Chapter 1:20! Paul is not saying that we cannot ever make value judgments, but he is warning us about a judgmental, self-righteous, critical spirit. Such judgment is self-indicting because we are all sinners (Romans 3:23).

v. 2: **truth** - God's judgment is based on impartial, objective facts!

v. 3: This rhetorical question expects an emphatic NO!

II. vv. 4-5: A Witness About the Heart (*A contrast*)

v. 4: 1. **God's Heart** (*Three - fold description*)

1. **Kindness** (*goodness*) _____
2. **Forbearance** (*tolerance*) _____
3. **Long - suffering** (*patience*) (*Greek - macrothumia*) Literally - long tempered. _____

v. 5: 2. **Man's Heart**

1. KJV - **hardness, stubbornness** (*Greek - sklērotēs*) This literally means hardness. It gives us our modern term sclerosis which is used in arteriosclerosis, a hardening of the arteries. Bad arteries can put us in the **grave**, but hard spiritual hearts can put us in **Hell!**

2. KJV - **impenitent, unrepentant** - It means a person who refuses to turn to or respond to God.

Two Practical Applications:

1. (*c.f. 2 Samuel 12*) _____
2. _____