**Verse**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**12. Luke 6:37**

**KJV** Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

**CSB** **“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”**

**ESV** “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

Hey, try this; take your pointer finger and point it at someone. How many of your fingers are you pointing at that person? Keep on pointing. Look at your other fingers. How many of them are pointing back at you? This is a great object lesson to show you what this verse is saying. We can’t point fingers and judge people because we are guilty of some of the same things or different things as they are. The Bible is pretty clear when it says that if we judge someone, God will judge us. But if we forgive people, then God will forgive us.

I once bought a house way out in the country. It belonged to the nicest lady. There were only three houses on hundreds of acres. I asked why the neighbor’s house was so close to the house I was going to buy. She told me that the person living in the other house used to be her friend. One time they had a disagreement and they stopped talking to each other. She said that she found someone who wanted to build a house in the country. She told them they could build on her property if they built their house so close to hers that she could not see the other neighbor. So they did. The two friends refused to forgive each other for something that happened 20 years before.

Over the years they both said some really mean things about each other. I became friends with them both. They were both wonderful people. They both accused each other of the same things. They both judged each other for having the same personalities. Their unforgiveness towards each other caused two wonderful people to become bitter and unhappy. I tried for years to get them to become friends again. Sadly, they both died and never forgave each other.

The Bible is very clear that we should not judge other people. We should be willing to forgive someone even if they do not ask for forgiveness. God forgives us for our sins even though we do not deserve it. It is hard to forgive someone when we feel we have been wronged. No one likes to be talked about or treated badly.

Usually it’s something silly that we are mad about. “This person didn’t talk to me.” Or, “They said this about me.” It is usually things that do not really matter. The problem is our pride. It gets in the way of forgiveness. Someone does something to us and then we do the same back to them. Now we have created a situation where everyone is upset. I think Jesus knew this when He told us that we should forgive.

Is there anyone who is upset with you? What do you need to do to seek forgiveness?