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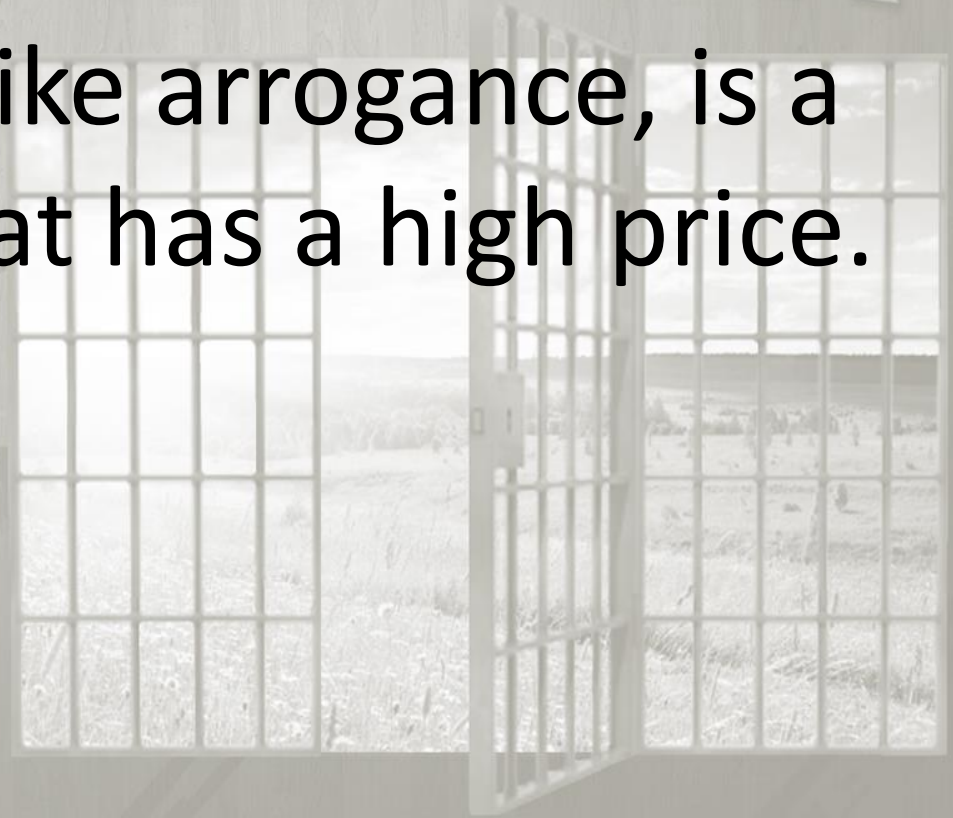


WHAT STUBBORNNESS WILL KEEP FROM YOU

Introduction:

Stubbornness, like arrogance, is a form of pride that has a high price.

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Stubbornness of the right kind will lead you to **ETERNAL LIFE**. (Romans 2:7)

To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

Romans 2:7

Stubbornness of the wrong kind will keep
you **TRAPPED** in **SIN**.

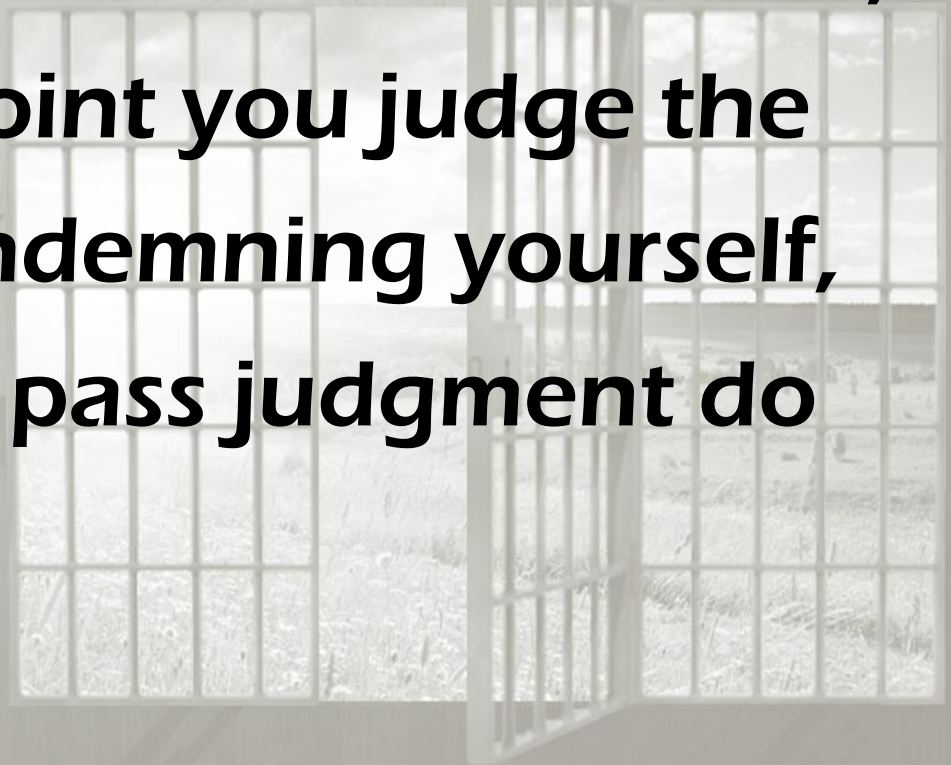
(Romans 2:1-8)

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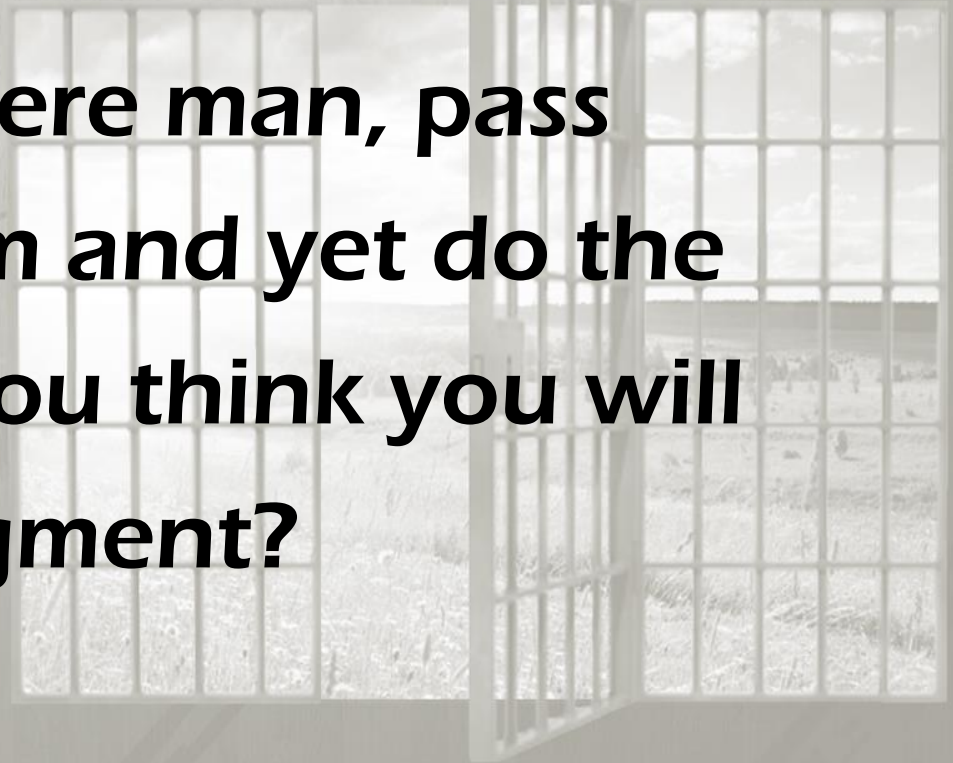
Text: Romans 2:1-8

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.



Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?



Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

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But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Romans 2:1-8

Stubbornness of the wrong kind will

BLIND you to the **TRUTH**.

(Mark 3:1-6, 16:9-14)

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Text: Mark 3:1-6

Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.

Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

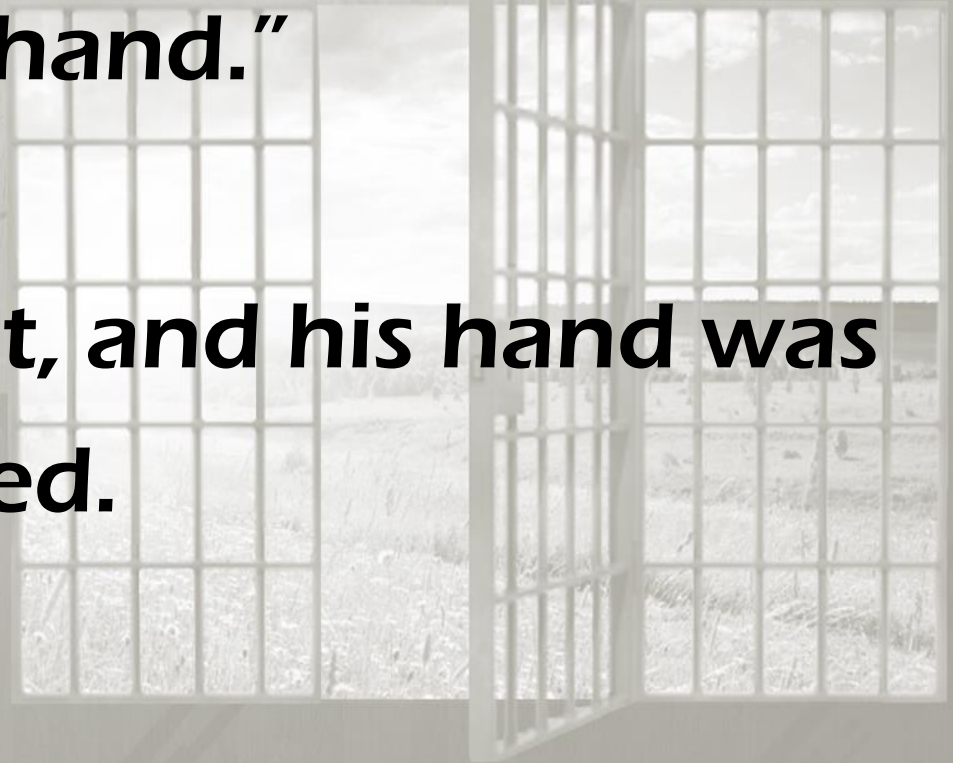
Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"

But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

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He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.



**Then the Pharisees went out and
began to plot with the Herodians
how they might kill Jesus**

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Mark 3:1-6

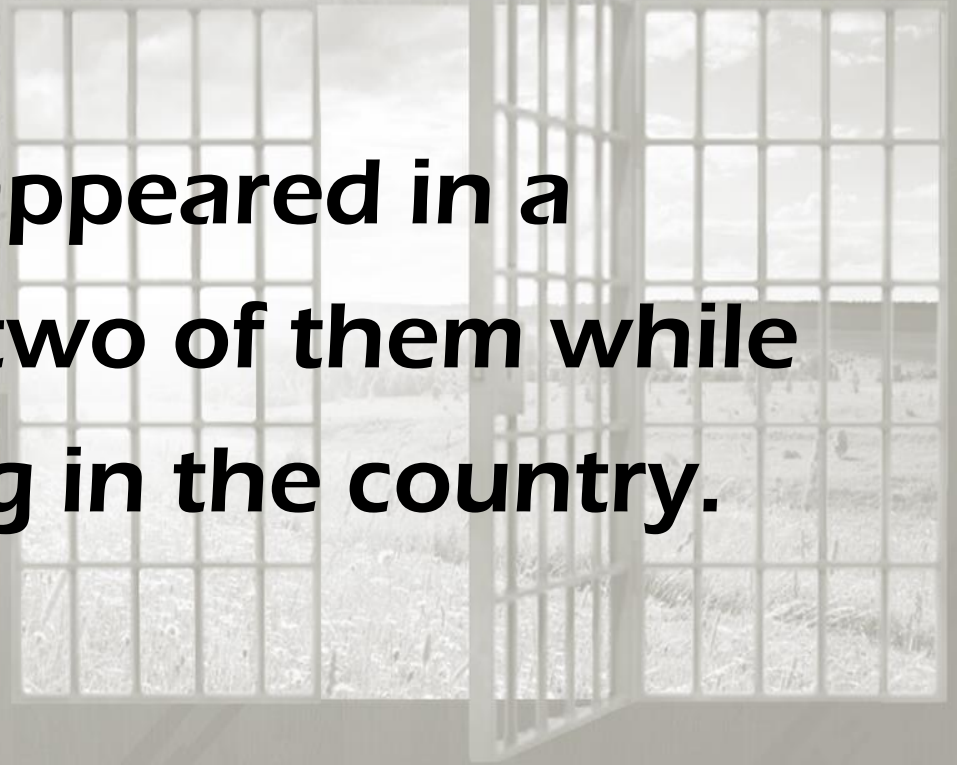
Text: Mark 16:9-14

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.

When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.



These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

Mark 16:9-14

Stubbornness of the wrong kind will cause you to **RESIST** the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 7:51)

“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!”

Acts 7:51

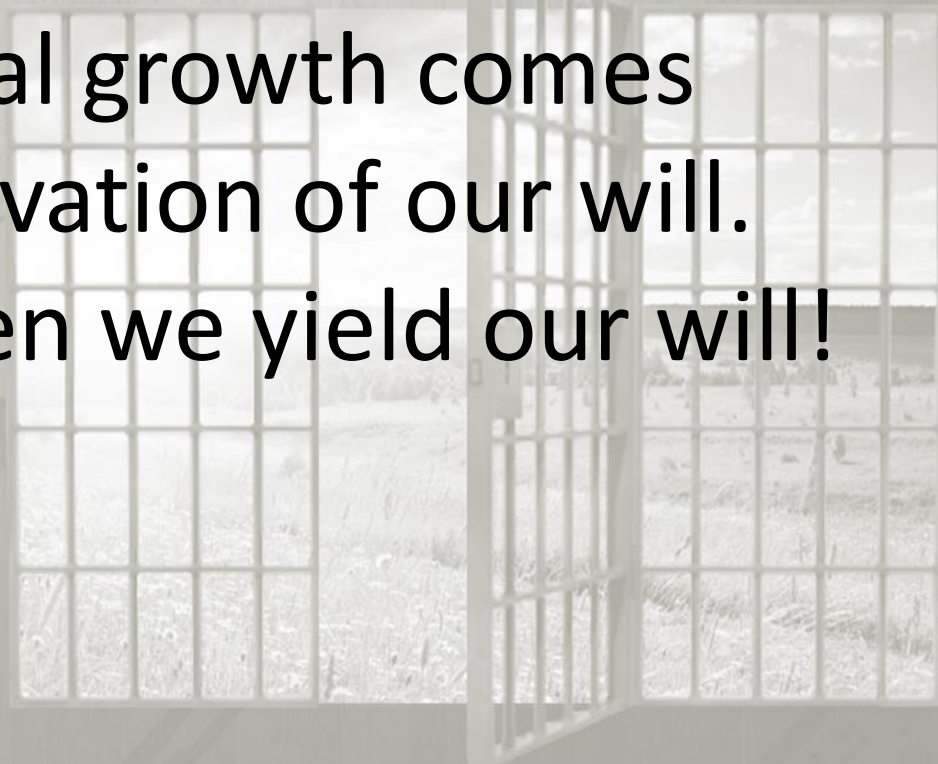
Stubbornness of the wrong kind will keep
from you the **GUIDANCE** of the
Holy Spirit. (John 14:26)

**But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you all things and
will remind you of everything I have
said to you.** John 14:26

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Conclusion:

Not all spiritual growth comes through an activation of our will. Much comes when we yield our will!



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