

## **Hypocritical Things We Do that the Bible Says We Shouldn't:**

In response to a question about “Why we don’t just follow what the Bible says in black and white,” Pastor Chad offered certain examples of Biblical rules that we don’t always follow. He also offered the caution: both sides of human sexuality discussions “use” the Bible. Some say “God hates sin and homosexuality is a sin” while persons from the other side will share “God says not to judge” and “to love your neighbor.” The list below was cited simply to say that we are not called to “weaponized the Bible” against people – that we are more called to seek truth and share that truth in love. Scripturally, Matthew’s Gospel teaches us:

### **MATTHEW 7:3-5**

*<sup>3</sup>Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

Other passages that were cited include:

1. Gossip (great book: “Gossip is like slapping Jesus”)
2. We are called not to hate others, but many hate.
3. Not advocating for the “least of these” – Jesus called us all to do this.
4. Not visiting the hospitals or imprisoned – we are called to do this.
5. Divorce, Mark 10:8
6. Getting married after divorce, Mark 10:11-12
7. Having slaves (multiple places justify this practice, despite the character of God throughout aligning against this injustice).
8. Touching pigskin on a Sunday (ever watch an NFL game on Sunday?) Lev. 11:8
9. Round haircut: against Scripture Lev. 19:27
10. Fortune Telling (horoscopes/fortune cookies) Lev. 19:31, Lev. 19:26
11. “Pulling out” and masturbating are listed in 3 places: Gen. 38:9-10
12. Tattoos Lev. 19:28
13. Wearing mixed fabric blends Lev. 19:19
14. Women speaking in Church (Corinthians) – not allowed, but I’m so grateful we have done better research on this topic.
15. If you are the child of an unmarried couple, the Bible is not all that inviting: Deut. 23:2
16. Wearing gold in Church/Temple (don’t do it): I Tim 2:9
17. Eating shellfish (like those shrimp or crabs?) – ya can’t and be holy: Lev. 11:10