

So James uses faith in a sense it is often used in. Paul uses it in a sense in which it is often used. And we have an absolute verbal contradiction, but we do not have any real contradiction.

Another case where there is an apparent contradiction and this is ~~just~~ <sup>probably</sup> one which/Christian people are -- have not got quite as clear an idea of as they have of the one about faith. It is the one about judging. We often hear people quote Mat. 7:1: "Judge not that ye be not judged." A very important statement, a very vital statement. One that we all need to take to heart, and yet the way many people quote it, it is flatly contradicted further on in the same chapter. Jesus said in Mt. 7:1, "Judge not that ye be not judged." But if that means do not <sup>estimate</sup> estimate anybody's goodness or badness, do not endeavor to decide what is right or wrong, simply treat all as absolutely equal, they turn over to Mt. 7:15 and find it flatly contradiction. Because there Jesus said, Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Beware of false prophets; know them by their fruits. In <sup>in</sup> other words judge those who come to you with any message. You must judge. Judge not that ye be not judged. Judge carefully. Know them by their fruit. This is made explicit in Jn. 7:24 where Jesus is quoted as saying, Judge not according to appearance but judge righteous judgment. There is here an apparent contradiction and we can easily miss truth if we take either statement and carry it out to an extreme without taking the other into account. The command Judge not that ye be not judged is a very important one and one which the whole church of Christ needs -- one which everyone needs very much. Oh how apt we are to get into ~~gossip~~ gossip, to criticizing little things about others, to downgrading others on comparatively little evidence, to say Oh what's the difference what that fellow thinks! or what that person says! ~~and~~ and to <sup>make</sup> downgrade people, to take judgments, critical attitudes toward people that do harm. Oh how common this is in the Christian church. There are very few things that do more harm in the Christian church than in any Christian movement than our tendency to make quite judgments about other people and to spread these judgments with gossiping, with criticizing little things, with <sup>making</sup> statements that decrease their influence. Judging matters that are not our concern or applying standards that we ourselves could not meet.

I do not think we could possibly overemphasize the great danger from this. Oh how often