

The Hearing Test

A man was having difficulty communicating with his wife, and concluded that she was becoming hard of hearing. So he decided to conduct a test without her knowing about it.

One evening, he sat in a chair on the far side of the room. Her back was to him and she could not see him. Very quietly, he whispered, "Can you hear me?" There was no response.

Moving a little closer, he asked again, "Can you hear me now?" Still no reply. Quietly, he edged closer and whispered the same words, but still no answer. Finally, he moved right in behind her chair and said, "Can you hear me now?"

To his surprise and chagrin, she responded with irritation in her voice, "For the fourth time, yes!"

What a warning that illustration is to us about judging. Jesus knew human nature well. That is why He said, "Judge not, and you shall not be judged."

All of us would do well to remember: If we are looking for faults to correct, we should try looking in a mirror.

--Beecher Hunter