



The Notes

NOTORIOUS Part 1: "Label Makers"

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"Many dishonest tax collectors and other notorious sinners often gathered around to listen as Jesus taught the people. This raised concerns with the Jewish religious leaders and experts of the law. Indignant, they grumbled and complained, saying, 'Look at how this man associates with all these notorious sinners and welcomes them all to come to him!'"

Luke 15:1-2 (TPT)

I'LL FALL INTO THE TRAP OF LABELLING EVERYONE, IF I KEEP...

1. ...THINKING OF MYSELF AS A "GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER"

"Dear friends, as part of God's family, never speak against another family member, for when you slander a brother or sister you violate God's law of love. And your duty is not to make yourself a judge of the law of love by saying that it doesn't apply to you, but your duty is to obey it! There is only one true Lawgiver and Judge, the One who has the power to save and destroy—so who do you think you are to judge your neighbor?"

James 4:11-12 (TPT)

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2. **...WANTING OTHERS TO SEE PEOPLE THE WAY I SEE THEM**

“Remind people to respect their governmental leaders on every level as law-abiding citizens and to be ready to fulfill their civic duty. And remind them to never tear down anyone with their words or quarrel, but instead be considerate, humble, and courteous to everyone. For it wasn’t that long ago that we behaved foolishly in our stubborn disobedience. We were easily led astray as slaves to worldly passions and pleasures. We wasted our lives in doing evil, and with hateful jealousy we hated others.”

Titus 3:1-3 (TPT)

3. **...COMPARING MYSELF TO EVERYONE ELSE**

“We don’t dare put ourselves in the same class with those who think they are so important. We don’t compare ourselves to them. They use themselves to measure themselves, and they judge themselves by what they themselves are. This shows that they know nothing. But we will not boast about anything outside the work that was given us to do. We will limit our boasting to the work God gave us, but this work includes our work with you.”

2 Corinthians 10:12-13 (ERV)

“Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don’t be impressed with yourself. Don’t compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.”

Galatians 6:4-5 (MSG)