

Righteous Christians will be intimidated by unrighteous people or evil spirits unless their hearts believe and know God has made them righteous in Christ:

Evil will try to intimidate righteousness: A child has his hand in his mother's purse in order to steal her money. But the mother catches the child in the act and rebukes him. The child, a Christian, has a head knowledge of scripture but, being in sin, lacks the Holy Spirit by whom alone scriptures can be correctly applied. So the child tries to intimidate his mother:

Intimidation #1. You can't rebuke my sin while you still have sin yourself. The child says:

"She that is without sin let her cast the first stone" (John 8:7). The mother replies:

"I am currently living in Christ, and: **Whoever lives in Him does not sin.** (1 John 3:6)

Intimidation #2. You can't see your big sin, fix that first before you try to fix my little sin:

Then the child says to the mother: **"Let her first remove the beam from her own eye then she will see clearly to remove the speck from her son's eye"**. (Matt 7:5)

To which the mother replies: "There is no beam now in my eye, for Jesus also said: **when your eye is single or sees clearly then your whole body is full of light**" (Matt 6:22)

Intimidation #3. You shouldn't judge me, because God will judge you if you do:

Then the son said to his mother: **"Judge not, so that you are not judged"** (Matt 7:1)

To which the mother replies: "This was said to those who judge by appearance and still have something in them needing to be judged. Jesus also said: **But judge with righteous judgment** (John 7:24). **My judgment of you is righteous because I do not seek my own will but the will of my Father** (John 5:30). God also says through Paul NLT **"It isn't my job to judge unbelievers, but it certainly is my job, in Christ, to judge Christians like you who are sinning"** (1 Co 5:12-13 – and who try to mask their sin by a misuse of scriptures).

The words of the righteous have God's authority to judge, forgive and impart Him to others

Then the child being convicted by the Holy Spirit of his sin and of the righteousness of God's judgment of him through his mother (John 16:8) truly repented and said: **"I have sinned against heaven and against you** (Luke 15:21) please forgive me".

To which the mother gladly replied: "Just like Paul: **I forgive you in the presence and person of Jesus Christ** (2 Cor 2:10). Then she said **"Let him who stole steal no longer"** (Eph 4:28) because she knew these very words of God in her son would stop him stealing:

1 Thes 2:13 **...The word of God...you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God Himself at work in you** (changing you) **who have believed it.** NKJV/MSGE

The mother overcame evil, wrong use of scripture, with good, the righteous use of scripture:

Rom 12:21 **Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good** (righteous words).

The mother had to believe and know that she had been made righteous, sin free, in Christ.

Isa 54:14 **In righteousness you will be established...for you will not fear** (intimidation)...

The mother of us all is the true Church, righteous Christians, the New Jerusalem (Gal 4:26).