

Spurgeon's Notes

5:22—We all have abundant reason to look at home and worry about our own sins. **Nothing can be more absurd than for a man to take his hoe and weed everybody else's garden and leave all the thorns and thistles to flourish in his own plot.** If, as our proverb puts it, "Charity begins at home," so should criticism. And criticism concerning character had better stop there. There is so much dirty linen in our own house needing to be washed that none of us need to take in our neighbor's washing. The Apostle Paul was inspired to write to the Thessalonians, "Ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business" (1 Thess. 4:11). And he and Peter sternly condemned those who were busybodies, worrying about the concerns of others.