

# Who Makes You to Differ?

Those who believe the doctrines of sovereign grace often act inconsistently with their own principles—when they are angry at the defects of others.

A company of travelers fall into a pit; one of them gets a passerby to draw him out. Now he should not be angry with the rest for falling in; nor because they are not yet out, as he is. He did not pull himself out. Instead, therefore, of reproaching them—he should show them pity.

In the same way, a truly saved man will no more despise others—than blind Bartimaeus, after his own eyes were opened, would take a stick and beat every blind man he met!

“For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it” (I Corinthians 4:7)?

“By the grace of God I am what I am” (I Corinthians 15:10).

-John Newton