What does mote and beam mean? (Matthew 7:3)

A beam is a very large piece of wood, it can be a log, or a pillar, or any wide plank.

But a mote is a very tiny piece of wood, like a sand, even the dust of wood that is very hard to see is still a mote/speck.

Now the Lord Jesus gave that parable, to emphasize what He wanted to say, that is, in a normal situation, if you can't see the pillar of wood standing in front of your eyes blocking you from seeing everything ahead, how will you be able to see the wooden dust in your partner's eye?

See, without doubt, that is hypocrisy.

In the same way, before we judge people, let us examine our lives first. what they do, are we not doing them? Before you point finger to someone who is gossiping, be sure first those things are not in you? If not then it is better to keep quiet, because the verses above say, with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Matthew 7:1-5

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

² For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

³ And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

⁴Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

⁵ Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

May the Lord help us all to overcome that.

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