

The Attackers: Faith-Rest Drill & the FLOT Line: Victims of People Testing Must: Deploy Problem-Solving Devices, become a Plaintiff before the Supreme Court of Heaven, & Have No Aggression toward His Antagonist; Doctrine of Reverse Punitive Action: Mental Attitude Sins, Verbal Sins, & the Sin Named; All Judgment Is Given to Christ, Matt 12:36–37; John 5:22; Jesus on Judging, Matt 7:1–2: Those Who Judge Others Are Judged by Jesus Who Knows All the Facts

Faith-Rest & the FLOT Line:

1. Faith is the key concept in the implementation of the drill. For the drill to function efficiently, faith must place top priority on Bible doctrine.
2. This requires that time be set aside each day for Bible study with the objective of perceiving the message, retaining it in long-term memory, and concentration on its application to life and circumstances.
3. It is with a doctrinal inventory that the believer is prepared to manage the various problems typical of the devil's world.
4. Undeserved suffering is quite often associated with people testing. To cast this care upon the Lord results in the offended believer becoming a plaintiff before the Supreme Court of Heaven.
5. Plaintiff is defined as:

The one who initially brings the suit; one who, in a personal action, seeks a remedy in a court of justice for an injury to, or a withholding of, his or her rights.¹

6. Life is filled with injustices, especially during a time of historical downtrends. Under faith-rest, the believer is free to transfer problems with people and circumstances into the Lord's hands.
7. This is in essence a filing of an appeal to the justice of God. But, as is always the case with faith-rest, once put into the Lord's hands the believer must then step out of the way.
8. This requires avoidance of any aggressiveness toward the antagonist. This includes no complaining, gossip, self-justification, projection of blame, slander, maligning, judging, or vilification.
9. When utilizing the faith-rest drill in resolving people testing, the believer must allow God to deal with the issue.
10. This requires the offended believer to leave it alone, to forget about it, and move on with his life.
11. Self-righteous people have a great deal of trouble doing this. One who considers himself to always be right is in a precarious position considering the fact everyone has a sin nature and "there is none righteous, not even one" (Romans 3:10).
12. Therefore, blind arrogance can often result in an offended believer taking his case back from God for self-prosecution.
13. This is dangerous business. Quite often those that prosecute their own case make themselves vulnerable to triple compound discipline from the justice of God.

Doctrine of Reverse Punitive Action in Matthew 7:1–2

Matthew 7:1 - "Stop judging, so that you will not be judged."

¹ *Barron's Dictionary of Legal Terms*, 3d ed., s.v. "Plaintiff."

A. There are three categories of Reverse Punitive Action for sins of the tongue:

- (a) The mental attitudes that motivate verbal sins.
- (b) The verbal sin itself.
- (c) The sin or sins assigned to the other person.

This is a statement of reverse punitive action toward those who malign and judge others:

1. In the presence of others, you assign specific sin to another person or persons. This sin can be real or imagined.
2. As is the case with all sins, the one you assign has a penalty clause attached to it.
3. Because you judge the person for this sin, his discipline is removed even though he may be guilty of it. All judgment is assigned to the Supreme Court of Heaven and Jesus Christ as Chief Justice.

Matthew 12:36 - "I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

v. 37 - "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

John 5:22 - "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son."

4. Execution of the penalty clause is transferred away from the perpetrator to you because you gossiped about his sin.
5. If the sin assigned is fictitious, the victim is blessed in a manner commensurate with the level of the removed discipline. The victim must however put the problem into the Lord's hands avoiding the temptation of self-justification.
6. The person that receives the imposition of the penalty clause is you since you do not have the authority to judge.
7. When you judge you mention a sin that you did not commit, but you get the discipline for not only the sin you mention but also the mental-attitude sin that motivated the verbal sin you name.
8. The justice of God now judges you for the sin you assigned as if you were the one that committed it.
9. This is an expression of the integrity of God managing violations of His divine mandates not to judge, a reminder for you to mind your own business.

Matthew 7:2, "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged. And by what measure you measure, it will be measured against you."

B. The Lord's first comment alerts you to the danger of verbal sins and, if committed, what the penalty clause will include.

On the other hand, the victim must also be aware that retaliation in any form – mental, verbal, or overt – is also forbidden him under the principle that judgment remains in the hands of the Lord.

Psalms 55:22 - Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken."

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety upon Him because He cares for you.

When you are maligned by others, you must remain separated from the attack. You are required to activate pertinent problem-solving device on your soul's FLOT Line to deal with the issue.

The basic problem-solving device is the three stages of the faith-rest drill, the second stage being the application of doctrinal rationales:

The essence of God rationale, in this case, would include reliance on His integrity with emphasis on His unfailing love and grace.

If guilty, confess the sin and be restored to fellowship. Then depend on the grace of God to manage those who malign you for something which the Supreme Court of Heaven has already forgiven.

By remaining inside the bubble you allow the Supreme Court to manage the maligner with the same punishment that was scheduled to be imposed on you.

There is the Supreme Court of Heaven rationale where you leave all the attacks in the hands of the Lord who is qualified to prosecute the case.

The Lord with His omniscience knows all the facts: who gossiped, who else was told, what they thought, and whether or not all the facts presented were real or imagined.