

# STICKS AND YARDSTICKS

## MATTHEW 23

Text: Matt 23:11

### Introduction

There are many different ways of measuring things and many different things used to measure with. Today I want to talk about just one of the many things people use to measuring things- the yardstick.

There are all kinds of standards for measuring things. Almost anyone of you can name dozens of standards by which things are measured- inches, yards, quarts, gallons, bushels, barrels, ounces, pounds, kilowatts, minutes, hours, weeks, years - the list is almost endless.

Each person has a standard by which you measure your response to the problems which you faced. If your standard is based on the principles of Jesus then your response will always be wholesome and Christian.

Now let us look at a few of the standards by which many boys and girls are greatly influenced.

**1. EVERYBODY ELSE IS DOING IT**

**2. IS IT THE POPULAR THING TO DO**

**3. WHAT WILL THE GANG THINK OF IT**