

Judging Rightly

Matthew 7:1-6

1. The Danger of Judging Inappropriately

Matthew 7:1-2 | “Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Romans 14:4,10 | ⁴ Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand...¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

2. Does Jesus Forbid Us From Judging? By No Means! But We Must Judge Rightly.

A. Sin Must Be “Judged”

Matthew 18:15 | ¹⁵ “And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

B. Exercise Discernment In Judgment

John 7:24 | ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

C. Be Merciful

James 2:13 | ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

D. Before judging others, we must examine our own lives (Don’t Be A Hypocrite).

Matthew 7:3-5 | ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can

you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Romans 2:1-3| Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

3. We Are Commanded To Exercise Right Judgment In Determining Who Is Receptive To The Word Of God.

Matthew 7:6| ⁶ "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Proverbs 9:8|⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.