

Judging

The Christian's attitude and behavior regarding judging

Introduction

- From both people who profess to be Christians and even those who do not, we often hear them say, "You should not judge."
- Or they may say, "You are being judgmental."
- Often this is said to Christians who propose we must make judgments about matters of right and wrong according to God's standard

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Scripture Used To Prove We Should Not Judge

Mat 7:1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

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Introduction

- To judge means to come to a conclusion between right and wrong
- Irony of the "not judge" position is that it is a judgment in and of itself
- In my judgment you should not judge
- This is a judgment that we should not discern between right and wrong
- End result – each should be free to act without anyone judging his behavior

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Result of Following The False Judgment of Not Judging

Jdg 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

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Recognize We Are Not Absolute Judges of Others

Jas 4:11 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of *it*.

Jas 4:12 There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

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Types Of Judging The Lord Condemns

Superficial
Hypocritical
Prejudicial
Carnally judging liberties

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Superficial Judgment Condemned

Joh 7:20 The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?"

Joh 7:21 Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel.

Joh 7:22 "For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on *the* Sabbath you circumcise a man.

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Superficial Judgment Condemned

Joh 7:23 "If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the* Sabbath?"

Joh 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

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Hypocritical Judgment Condemned

Mat 7:1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

Mat 7:2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

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Hypocritical Judgment Condemned

Mat 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

Mat 7:4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?"

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Hypocritical Judgment Condemned

Rom 2:1 Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Rom 2:2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

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Hypocritical Judgment Condemned

Rom 2:3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

Rom 2:21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

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Hypocritical Judgment Condemned

Rom 2:22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Rom 2:23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

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Prejudicial Judgment Condemned

Jas 2:1 My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of personal favoritism*.

Jas 2:2 For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

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Prejudicial Judgment Condemned

Jas 2:3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

Jas 2:4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

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Carnally Judging Liberties Condemned

Rom 14:3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.

Rom 14:4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

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Types of Judging The Lord Demands

Righteous
Consistent
Impartial
Merciful

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Righteous Judgment Demanded

Joh 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

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Righteous Judgment Demanded

2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

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Righteous Judgment Demanded

1Co 6:2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent *to constitute* the smallest law courts?

1Co 6:5 I say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

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Righteous Judgment Demanded

1Co 6:6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

1Co 6:7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

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Consistent Judgment Demanded

Mat 7:5 "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.

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Impartial Judgment Demanded

Jas 2:8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

Jas 2:9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin *and* are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Jas 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

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Impartial Judgment Demanded

Jas 2:11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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Merciful Judgment Demanded

Mat 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Jas 2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty.

Jas 2:13 For judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

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Merciful Judgment Demanded

1Co 5:3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*?

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Merciful Judgment Demanded

2Co 2:6 Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority,

2Co 2:7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort *him*, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2Co 2:8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him.

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The Scriptures' Teaching on Judging

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