

## **MESSAGE ON JUDGING OTHERS**

**"GOD WILL JUDGE US"**

**"GOD JUDGES FROM THE INSIDE"**

**"GOD EXPECTS US TO JUDGE"**

**"My Prayer Is To Become A Good Judge"**

**Romans 2:12-16** Paul is establishing the point of verse 11, "For there is no partiality with GOD." GOD will judge everyone with perfect justice. Paul is anticipating a Jewish objection, "But surely GOD will treat us more favorably than the pagan Gentiles. We know GOD's ways as revealed in His Law, but they don't!" Or, perhaps a Gentile would object, "It's not fair for GOD to judge me for disobeying a standard that I knew nothing about! I've done the best that I could with what I knew. GOD won't judge me, will He?" "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment."

**Psalms. 37:30** A righteous person will talk of judgment. He will not REFUSE to judge, He will talk judgment.

**"What Is A Righteous Person"**

**"A Righteous Person Follow GOD'S Commandments"**

"Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the GOD of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD GOD of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph."

**Amos 5:14-15** How can you hate the evil and love the good if you refuse to judge? ( **You can't** )

**You are sinning when you refuse to judge.**

**You have to judge the sinner to help the sinner.**

**The sinner may not know better or he may not care,**

**The sinner is held responsible for what good he hears,**

**The sinner will use scripture against you hoping you want know any better,**

**It's our job to pass on the Good News and make an attempt to Offer Salvation to the sinners,**

Our generation is well described in **Isaiah 59:8**: "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace." People have refused to judge, so there is no peace.

**Paul said in I Corinthians 1:10**, "be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Why would Paul make such a statement if judging is wrong?

**In I Corinthians 2:15 Paul says**, "But he that is spiritual, judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man." Judging is not a sin; judging is a characteristic of being a spiritual person! satan has been lying to

us, hoping that we will NOT judge, because he knows that the right kind of judgment PLEASES GOD and better our lives and Christian Service.

Someone says, "But should we judge PEOPLE?"

**Yes, we certainly should, if you want to help save them.**

***Paul actually REBUKES the Corinthians for NOT judging:***

"Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?"

Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?"

**I Cor. 6:1-5** If judging is wrong, then Paul needs to confess and repent for misleading these Christians! He clearly told them to JUDGE PEOPLE.

If judging people is wrong, how can we obey **Romans 16:17-18**, I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. **18.** For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

**II Corinthians 6:17**-Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

**II Timothy 3:5-6**-Having a form of GODliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. **6** For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

**I John 4:1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of GOD: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Friend, if judging is wrong, then GOD has contradicted Himself and His words cannot be trusted!

**Notice, Malachi 3:18:** "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth GOD and him that serveth him not." ( WOW! ). **Does that sound like it is wrong to judge?**

**What about Revelation 2:2** " I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:" Why would the Lord be pleased with these Christians if judging was wrong? Is it not impossible to find someone a "liar" without judging them? ( WOW! ) **Does it sound like it's wrong to Judge.(No!)**

If the Bible is clear about anything, it is clear about the importance of judging on a regular basis in order to properly serve and honor GOD. To ignore this fact is to ignore all of the Scripture just presented and also the rest of the Bible. **GOD expects us to judge.**

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***Is It Right to Judge?***

How many times have you heard someone whine, ( "Judge not, that ye be not judged" )

This verse from **Matthew 7:1** is often quoted out of context by people who are terrified at the idea of someone preaching against sin or pointing out any form of error in anyone, especially themselves.

**Example;**

Do you judge the candidates before you make your choice, do you judge them or do you select them by their party, democrat or republican? Choosing NOT to judge a political candidate on Election Day is not a good thing to do. No wonder our nation is in such a mess!

**Judge using Scripture not your own personal views,**

**As for Matthew 7:1,** the context (**verses 1-5**) allows judging after you have first judged YOURSELF. Jesus did not make a blanket statement against judgment. He simply pointed out a RULE for judging.

Now, the word "judge" in its various forms ( judgeth, judging, judgment, judges, etc ) is found over **700 times** in GOD's word. One whole book of the Bible is titled "Judges" for it was written at a time when GOD raised up judges to lead His people.

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**( Repeat )**

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## **GOD's Rules for Judging**

Now I do not wish to imply that we should spend all of our time judging. Sometimes people judge when they have no business doing so. In

**John 7:24** Jesus tells us to judge RIGHTEOUS judgment. This can only be done by following the rules that GOD has established in His word. ( Seven good rules from Scripture on Judging ) :

### **(1) Judge Scripturally**

**Isaiah 8:20** says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Our standard is GOD's word, not our feelings, our traditions, or our opinions. Right and wrong should always be determined by GOD's word.

### **(2) Don't Judge When GOD's Word Is Silent**

If GOD's word is silent about a subject, then you may not have to judge at all. Don't rush to judgment on an issue when the Bible says very little or is silent about it. Don't make more of a matter than GOD makes of it. A good example of this is found in **Colossians 2:16**: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:" That is, these are not subjects of great importance today, so let's not make these great issues of judgment.

### **(3) Pray for Good Judgement Ability**

When Solomon received his kingdom he asked GOD to "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

**1 Kings 3:9** Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

**James 1:5** says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." We should pray for good judgment ability.

### **(4) Don't Respect Persons**

**Proverbs 24:23** says, "These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment." Treat all parties fairly without favoring anyone, such as family members or friends. A truly fair judge is blind and deaf to any outer influence.

**Isaiah 42:1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

**Isaiah 42:19-21** Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?

**20** Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

**21** The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.

### **(5) Judge in Truth**

Do not judge another when you do not have all the relevant facts.

**Jeremiah 5:1** says, "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it." A true judge is one who seeks the truth. If you must judge, be sure and get all the facts. A Japanese proverb says to "search seven times before you judge."

**(6) Judge Mercifully**

Remember the words of Jesus in **Matthew 7:2**: "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." You'll reap what you sow.

**Gal. 6:7-8** If you are swift and harsh in judging others, then GOD will see to it that you receive the same from others. Has GOD not been very merciful to you, even though you deserved it not? Likewise, you should exercise mercy toward others.

**(7) Don't Forget to Judge Yourself**

**I Corinthians 11:30-31**: "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." If you are a true Christian, then you belong to GOD. You are GOD's child. If you refuse to judge and improve yourself as a child of GOD, then GOD will take it upon Himself to judge you. Many of the troubles that we face in life are nothing more than GOD's way of judging us since we often neglect to judge ourselves.

Wouldn't it be amazing if every Christian actually took time to judge themselves before judging anyone else?

**Matthew 7:4-5**, Jesus says, " Or 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? 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." A good judge will not fail to judge himself.

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**A good judge judges himself first before judging others,  
If All of Us Were Good Judges, We Would Have A Better Life And A Better World**

Lord Our Prayers Are To Become Spiritually Wise, Live Righteous And To Receive Good Judging Ability, In The Mighty Name of JESUS!

**HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH!!!**

**"A M E N"**

**"TRUE STORY"**