

“Judge Not One Another”

INTRODUCTION: God’s more serious about this than we are!

I. JUDGE NOT

- **Matthew 7:1** – Judging others imposes our standards on them.
 - 1.- *“that you be not judged”* – When we judge others, God is judging us.
 - **7:2** – Judging lays up condemnation, not *“treasures”* in Heaven.
 - 2.- *“we do not consider”* – **7:3-4** – When we focus on the faults of others, we can’t see our own faults.
 - 3.- *“Hypocrite!”* – Clean up your own back yard first!
 - There’s a BETTER WAY than judging others – **1 Timothy 2:1**
- **Romans 2:1,3** – Why shouldn’t we judge others?
 - 1.- *“inexcusable”* – The very thing we condemn in others, we excuse in ourselves ... we just *“package”* it differently.
 - We do the same thing, but say, *“But, that’s different!”*
 - 2.- *“judgment of God”* – We think God will judge us by some other rule – **2:6,11, 14:12**
 - There’s a BETTER WAY than judging others – **Ephesians 6:18**
- **1 Corinthians 4:5** – Only God is licensed to judge – **3:14-15**
 - We judge according to *“appearances”* – **John 7:24, 1 Samuel 16:7**
 - God judges according to TRUTH – **Rom. 2:2, 2:16, James 4:11-12**

T.H.I.N.K. before you speak ... **IS IT:**

T – True?

H – Helpful?

I – Important?

N – Necessary?

K – Kind?

- Don’t run down God’s “Royal Law Of Love” – **James 2:8, 4:12**

- There’s a BETTER WAY than judging – **1 Timothy 2:8**

II. JUDGE SELF – 1 Corinthians 11:31

- **2 Corinthians 13:5** - Our faults and weak points are the only ones we can do anything about!

III. JUDGE OTHERS

- **John 7:24** - We think OUR judgment is *“righteous judgment”*!

What Can We Judge In Others?

1.- **Rebuking Sin** – **1 Timothy 5:20, Galatians 6:1**

2.- **Identifying False Prophets** – **1 John 4:1, Matthew 7:15-16**

3.- **Church Discipline** – **1 Corinthians 5:11-13**

CONCLUSION: When tempted to JUDGE someone ... **PRAY** for them!

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