

Who are you to judge me?

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Approved Righteous Judging: Judge righteous judgment (John 7:24)

1. Righteous = to be right with God.
2. Righteous judgment = judgment based upon what God has said.
3. Judgment made for the purpose of upholding the truth.
4. Judgment for the purpose of trying to help the person under judgment.
5. Judgment made by a motivation of love.

Paul judged in 1 Cor. 5:11-13 and chastised the brethren for having not already passed judgment on the sinning brother who had taken his father's wife.

Paul judged in Gal. 2:11 when he rebuked Peter to his face for sinful conduct.

Judgment is used when determining that a brother has sinned and needs correction (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19).

So what is the correct response to someone who says, "Who are you to judge me? Judge not lest you be judged?" My reply; "I am nobody. I am not the judge. There is only one law giver, and one judge. I am just repeating what THE JUDGE has already proclaimed. It is not my judgment. It is His!

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People are quick to respond, "Judge not lest you be judged" (Mat. 7:1) anytime they do not agree or like the position of another person.

1. Yes, Jesus said do not judge (Mat. 7:1).
2. There is only one law giver...who are you to judge another (James 4:12).
3. Why do you judge your brother (Romans 14:10).
4. Let us not judge one another anymore (Romans 14:13).

But we are also commanded to correct those living in sin; restore those who are overtaken in trespasses (Gal. 6:1) and turn back those who wander from the truth (James 5:19).

How is it possible to correct a person without making a judgment?

Consider John 7:24; "Do not judge according to appearance, but (do) judge righteous judgment." Is this a contradiction? The Bible says that we are not to judge in some verses, and in other scriptures command that we do judge.

If we believe the Bible to be God's inspired word, then we know there are no contradictions. Are you confused? "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Cor. 14:33). Therefore, if you remain confused about God's teaching then it is because you refuse to accept the truth (which does not contradict itself).

Jesus taught that we should not judge and do judge.

Since there are no contradictions in God's word we should understand that two types of judging are under consideration: Unapproved by God (condemned) and Approved by God (righteous).

Unapproved Condemned judging: Mat. 7:1-2; Romans 14:10; 13; James 4:11-12.

In this context we learn that:

1. It is wrong to judge by binding our personal opinion upon others (Mat. 7:1-2).
2. It is wrong to judge by looking down upon others who have a differing OPINION than our own (Rom. 14:10; 13).
3. It is wrong to use judgment that includes our interpretation of motive without facts (James 4:11-12).
4. Judgment that does not treat others the way we would want to be treated is wrong (James 2:8; Mat. 7:12).
5. Judgment that involves the running down of a brother is wrong (James 4:11-12).
6. Judgment that is not motivated by love, for God, the Truth, AND the person's soul of whom we are speaking is wrong (Eph. 4:15).
7. Do not judge according to appearance. Make sure you have all the facts. (John 7:24).

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The Bible that we hold in our hand is a gift of God's grace. He is the first being mentioned in it and He is also the last. No wonder He is called the Alpha (α) and Omega (ω), the first and the last (Revelation 1:8, 17). He is the Necessary being because we would not exist without Him. Thus, when we read the Bible we learn that we own nothing; God owns everything. Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." We eat His food. We mow His grass. We are not the owners. We are only stewards, managers of the resources God has given. In Genesis 1:28 when God made Adam and Eve, "He said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion...'" We are called to be stewards, not owners. He has placed all things into our care.

Not only are we to be stewards of all that is God's, He also calls us to be faithful, trustworthy stewards (1Corinthians 4:2). A good biblical definition of faithfulness is found in Rom 2:7. Faithfulness is "patient continuance in well doing." The question in Proverbs 20:6 "A faithful man who can find" implies that finding a faithful person is rare. Faithfulness is one of the attributes of God who is always faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9). Jesus, too, is called Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11). When these two words come together—faithful and steward—they define what children of God truly must be. They recognize God's place as number 1 and who know their place before God. They recognize that all things belong to God.

May our prayer and practice for 2016 be to ask God to help us trust Him more and to make us faithful in using His resources to provide for our families and to build up His kingdom as directed and encouraged by our elders.

"to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;"
Romans 2:7

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."
1 Corinthians 4:2

"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
1 Corinthians 1:9

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war".
Revelation 19:11

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet January 11th; the meal theme will be Mexican.

Workers are needed to prepare the communion trays for 2016; a signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please signup if you're interested in this much needed and important work.

A teen devotional is scheduled for Tuesday January 12th 6:30 pm at the building.

Our Fellowship Groups schedule for January:

- The Williams group – Sunday January 17th after the morning worship.
- The Tincher group – Sunday January 24th after the morning worship.
- The Smith group – Sunday January 31st after the morning worship; meal theme is Mexican.

The 16th Annual Progressive Gospel Meeting January 17th thru January 23rd.

- Sunday January 17th 2:00 pm Area wide singing at Fredericksburg
- Monday January 18th 7:00 pm at Palmyra with speaker Randy Weilbaker
- Tuesday January 19th 7:00 pm at Fredericksburg with speaker Lee Collins
- Thursday January 21st 7:00 pm at Corydon with speaker Denny Moon
- Friday January 22nd 7:00 pm at Paoli with Speaker Larry Sawyer
- Saturday January 23rd 7:00 pm at Martinsburg with speaker Eric Welch. A pitch-in fellowship dessert is scheduled immediately after the Saturday evening meeting.

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