

## Judging Others

Judging people is not about declaring an action good or evil. It isn't even about confronting sin. Judging people happens when we declare by direct statement or how we treat a person that they (not their action) are evil and thus unacceptable. When we treat someone as 'unclean' because of something they have done we are judging them. God has not only told us not to do this, but He also tells us why.

Scripture(s): James 4:11-12

I. The first reason that we should protect our hearts from passing judgment on others is that to do so means we judge the \_\_\_\_\_.

When we communicate condemnation against our brother or sister, we are in effect saying, "The One who has chosen to save us by His grace got it \_\_\_\_\_ with this one."

Luke 9:52-56 52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. 53 But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. 54 When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; 56 for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

✓ Make it your goal to not correct or criticize anyone without making sure that you communicate clearly that you love them \_\_\_\_\_.

II. The second reason that we should protect our hearts from passing judgment on others is that to do so makes us a \_\_\_\_\_ of the law. Those whose heart is focused on critiquing others do not have the heart of \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 7:1-5 1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. 2 For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 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? 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? 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."

✓ Focus on how you are following Jesus instead of how others aren't following like you would \_\_\_\_\_ them to.

III. The third reason that we should protect our hearts from passing judgment on others is that only one person gets to be \_\_\_\_\_. The most heinous part of judging one another is that we are trying to take the place of God and we \_\_\_\_\_ miserably at it! We cannot judge and remain \_\_\_\_\_. We can't judge and retain God's \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

✓ Hear God's urging to live in \_\_\_\_\_ with one another and leave the judging to the only One who can do it right.

Remember this - Humans cannot have God's heart of grace AND pass \_\_\_\_\_ on one another.

Our challenge - Seek to help people with their sin without treating them as if they are \_\_\_\_\_ people.

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