

I. Introduction and Review: What is Your Favorite Text of Scripture?

II. Don't Wrongfully Judge Others. v. 1

A. Jesus is Not Saying that Every Kind of Judgement is Wrong. v. 6,15 5:20 Jn. 7:24

1. Civil Judgement. Rom. 13:1ff
2. Ecclesiastical Judgement. I Cor. 5:3,11-13 II Thess. 3:14-15 Phil. 3:2 Gal. 1:8-9 Acts 20:29f I John 4:1 II Jn. 10 Titus 3:10
3. Private Rebuke (See IV A Below) Matt. 18:15-17 Gal. 6:1-2
4. Parental Discipline.

B. Don't Wrongfully Condemn Others.

1. **Rash Judgement:** Appearances without all of the Facts. Pr. 18:13 John 7:24
2. **Unmerciful Judgement:** Failing to Assume the Best. I Cor. 13:7
3. **Misjudging the Unseen Motives of Others.** 7:12 Job. 1:8-11
4. **Harshly Dealing with Trifling Faults.** I Pet. 4:8
 - a. Minor points of doctrine: Titus 3:9
 - b. Focusing on externals. Rom. 14:17
5. **Judging Others in Matters of Conscience.** Rom. 14:3-5 Col. 2:16f
 - a. Questions of the law.
 - b. Questions of health and diet.
 - c. Expecting others to follow a system which has helped you. *Child training seminars*
 - d. Other man made standards of righteousness.

C. Watch Your Motives. By Judging You are Usurping God's Place. Js. 4:11-12

1. **Pride:** *The Teeter Totter Effect.* I Pet. 5:5 Lk. 18:9
2. **Prejudice.** Js. 2:1
3. **Delighting in Exposing, rather than Covering Over Sin.** I Pe. 4:8 Gen. 9:22
4. **A Critical Spirit:** Fault Finding.
5. **A Spirit of Condemnation.** Luke 9:54

D. We Need to Show Grace and Charity in Order to Survive. Lk. 6:36-37 Ro. 14:19

III. If You Misjudge Others, You Will be Subject to Judgement. v. 1b-5a

A. You Too Will be Judged: *The Boomerang Principle.* v. 2a Rom. 14:10 Esth. 7:10 Judges 1:6-7

1. **You May be Judged by Others.**
2. **You Will be Judged by God.** Rom. 2:3 I Cor. 4:3-4
He Alone has the Right to Exercise Judgement.
3. **How Will God Judge Us?**
 - a. The believer cannot be cast into hell. Rom. 8:1 5:1
 - b. But God may discipline you. Heb. 12:1ff I Cor. 11:30-32 5:5
 - c. Or you may suffer loss of reward. II Co. 5:10 Ro. 14:10 I Co. 3:15 Rev. 14:13

B. The Standard You Use on Others Will be Used on You: *The Tape Recorder Principle*
v. 2b Rom. 2:1 Js. 3:1ff Isa. 33:1 Mt. 12:36-37 Luke 12:47-48

C. You Aren't Qualified to Judge Others. v. 3-5a *The Parable of the Blind Eye Doctor*

1. Your Own Faults are Great.

2. Your Guilt is Magnified by Your own Gross Hypocrisy. 6:2 23:15f II Sam. 12:1-7

IV. You are Still to be Discerning. v. 5b-6

A. Lovingly Correct Your Errant Brother. v. 5b 18:15-17 II Sam. 12:1-15a Lev. 19:17

1. You Aren't to Leave Your Brother with the Speck in his Eye. Ga. 6:1

2. First Correct Your Own Sin: Judge Yourself Rightly. Rom. 14:22 I Cor. 11:31
Ps. 51:12-13 139:23-24 II Co. 13:5

3. Be Sure that you are Qualified to do Eye Surgery. Ga. 6:1-2

4. Then Correct Your Brother with Gentleness and Humility. Ga. 6:1-2 I John 5:16
Js. 5:19-20 Mt. 18:15-17 II Sam. 12:1ff Pr. 27:6

5. Are You Willing for Others to Correct or Admonish You? Pr. 13:18 9:8

B. Use Great Caution in Presenting God's Precious Truth to Unbelievers. v. 6

1. Take Notice of the Situation: *Dogs and Hogs* Phil. 3:2 II Pet. 2:21 Rev. 22:15

a. You are in possession of a precious treasure.

b. Some are dogs and swine and are therefore not worthy of receiving it.

2. Hold Back the Truth from those who Exhibit Deep Hostility. Pr. 9:7-8 23:9

a. Jesus' Ministry. 10:14 15:14 13:10ff Luke 23:8-9 13:6-9

b. The Apostles. Acts 13:46-51 18:5-6 II Cor. 2:16

c. Stay away from those who scoff at the truth and promote error. II Jn. 10

d. There are better places to invest your efforts.

3. Jesus is not Saying that We Should Never Present the Gospel to the Lost.

(1) Jesus often displayed remarkable patience. John 20:24ff 21:15ff

b. Be forbearing with the seeking, the curious, and those of little faith.

c. Nor is Jesus giving you license to be nasty or vindictive. Luke 19:41-42

4. You Need to Approach Every Opportunity Carefully. I Cor. 9:22

a. Evangelism cannot be done in a Mechanical Cookie Cutter fashion. I Cor. 9:22

b. For many, the problem is that we aren't casting our pearls at all.

V. Concluding Applications:

A. Are You Ready for God's Judgement? Rev. 22:15

B. The Lord's Supper is a Treasure that isn't for Everyone! I Cor. 11:28ff