

DON'T JUDGE

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Matthew 7:1-2 (NIV)

¹ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

What does it mean to judge?

Not what people often mean today – saying someone is “sinning” or acting “immorally”.

Real, biblical Christianity declares two things that make that definition of judging untenable:

- 1) There is such a thing as _____ truth (things that are true whether we agree with it or not.
- 2) God's Word, the _____, is the reliable place that absolute truth is found.

John 17:17 (NLT)

*Make them holy by your truth; teach them **your word, which is truth.***

Jesus taught that when one of us moves away from what is true and right, we need to _____ them.

Matthew 18:15 (NASB)

*"If your brother sins, **go and show him his fault** in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.*

Paul confronted the Christians in Corinth because they weren't confronting someone caught in sin:

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

What does Jesus mean when He says “Do not judge”?

Luke 6:37 (NIV)

*"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. **Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.** Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

The judging that Jesus is speaking of here is to have a critical condemning _____.

It is to respond to someone (inwardly and often outwardly) _____ love and grace.

Hummingbird vs. buzzard

But the guarantee is that the consequence will come from _____.

What do you want the Lord to pour into your lap?

Three common ways we become judgmental:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ and _____-righteousness.

Luke 18:9-12

Pride and self-righteousness are based on an illusion: the illusion that we have it all together.

Romans 14:10 (NLT)

So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

_____ is going to be proud and self-righteous before the Lord on Judgment Day.

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What we dish out, we will get back. As a matter of fact, we will get it with _____!

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

*Give, and it will be given to you. **A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.** For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

This often comes from _____.