

Jesus Our Teacher

What Jesus Taught About Judging

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Matt 7:1-5

1. KRINO - JUDGE

But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. What business is it of mine to judge [krino] those outside the church? Are you not to judge [krino] those inside? **1 Cor 5:11-12**

2. ANAKRINO - TO DISCERN

“The person with the Spirit makes judgments [anakrino] about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments [anakrino]... **1 Cor 2:15**

3. DIAKRINO - TO DECIDE

I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge [diakrino] a dispute between believers? **1 Cor. 6:5**

4. KRISIS

“Moreover, the Father judges [KRISIS] no one, but has entrusted all judgment [KRISIS] to the Son” **John 5:22**

5. KRITES - THE JUDGE OF ALL

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. **Ps. 9:8**

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God Himself is Judge **Ps. 50:6**

You have come to God, the Judge [KRITUS] of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect.” **Hebrews 12:23**

6. HUPO-KRITES - PHARISEES

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ **Mark 7:6-7**

What does Jesus say?

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What do we know?

1. Jesus judged

Jesus told the Pharisees, “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.” **Matt. 23:23**

“Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law ... Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.” **John 7:19, 24**

2. John the Baptist judged

3. The Apostles judged

Paul said, “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God” **1 Cor. 6:9 -19**

“For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.” **2 Peter 2:17-19**

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

James 4:1-10

The Bible condemns certain ways of judging. (Mike Warren)

1. We are not to judge **hypocritically**,

2. We are not to judge **hastily**, that is **without sufficient evidence**.

“Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them.”

Prov. 29:20

“If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your God is giving you to live in that troublemakers have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray . . . then you must inquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly.” **Dt. 13:14**

3. We are not to judge by **human standards**, rather than by God’s law.

Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, “Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” But He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?”

“Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. . . . Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.” **John 7:19, 24**

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments” **1 John 5:3**

4. We are not to judge **falsely**.

5. We are not to judge **unlovingly**.

“But speaking the truth in love, may [we] grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” **Eph. 4:15**

We can speak the truth without love, for selfish, boastful, or vengeful purposes and tear down the body of Christ. This is what gossip often is. You aren’t exposing a sin in order to correct it, in order to help the one who committed the sin to overcome it, but simply to put them down or make yourself look superior to the other person. Paul warned against young women in the church being “idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.” **1 Tim. 5:13**