

“You Can’t Judge Me!”

Satan, who is the god of this world, has **blinded the minds** of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. - **2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT**

WHAT JESUS SAID 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.” - **Matthew 7:1-2 NIV**

“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**.” - **Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV)**

HOW TO TRANSLATE THE BIBLE

- A. Understand The _____.
- B. Interpret Scripture With _____.
- C. Apply Scripture To _____.

GODLY WISDOM ABOUT JUDGING

1. Never Judge _____!

“Stop judging by **mere appearances**, but instead **judge correctly**.” - **John 7:24 NIV**

2. Never Judge _____!

You may think you can condemn such people, **but you are just as bad**, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, **you are condemning yourself**, for you who judge others **do these very same things**.... Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to **turn you from your sin**? - **Romans 2:1,4 NLT**

3. Never Hold _____ To _____!

What business is it of mine to judge those **outside the church**? **Are you not to judge those inside**? God will judge those outside. - **1 Corinthians 5:12-13 NIV**

4. Help Restore _____!

Brothers and sisters, if someone is **caught in a sin**, you who live by the Spirit should **restore that person gently**. But **watch yourselves**, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. - **Galatians 6:1-2 NIV**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What is one of the first times you remember being judged? How did it make you feel?
- Describe a time when you judged someone superficially. Why do you think it’s so easy to do?
- Do you lean more toward grace or truth? How is God using this teaching to help you grow?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to *judge correctly*?