

LUKE 6:37-42 - Is it Ever Okay to JUDGE?

2 Important Rules of Bible Interpretation:

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2. View Scripture _____



Luke 6:37-43 (NIV)

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ 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.**"

³⁹ He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

⁴¹ "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? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV) * Author & Audience: Jesus speaking to the apostles

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, **go and point out their fault**, just between the two of you.

If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, **treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.**

* See 1 Cor. 5:1-5, 9-13 as Paul applies what Jesus says to the church in Corinth

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Discussion Questions

Luke 6:37-42: Is it Ever OKAY to JUDGE?

1. Name the **2 Important Rules of Bible Interpretation**:

- 1) Never read _____.
- 2) View Scripture _____.

Why are these rules so important when trying to determine the meaning of Scripture?

2. **Read Luke 6:37**. Is this our 'get out of jail free card'? Does this mean that way to stay out of hell and make it to heaven is by NOT judging, NOT condemning & forgiving others? Explain your answer.

3. **Read Matthew 18:15-17**. How does this passage conflict with the person who quotes Matt. 7:1 or Luke 6:37 and says, "Jesus SAID 'Do not judge' so you should never judge."?

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 9-13**. Are you familiar with this passage or did it surprise you? What does this say about the seriousness of those who claim Christ yet refuse to obey him. Isn't it 'unloving' to disfellowship someone from the church? Explain your answer & back it up with the Scripture.

5. **Read Luke 6:37-38 & 41-42**. What was our **Feet2Faith** statement and how can judging like THIS help us follow in the footsteps of our teacher (see v.40)?

* Pray for one another and ask God to move in power through us & around us.