

## Judging others

### I. Introduction-

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them. Mathew 5:1

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Luke 6:40

Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Mathew 7:12

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#### A. Jesus said that not judging would be hard-

Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy[fn] that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Mathew 7:12

#### B. Jesus gives us our final exam-

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. Mathew 7:21

### II. Judge not, that you be not judged-

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. Mathew 7:1

Judge; to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong, to rule, govern

I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. Mathew 5:22

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#### A. Judge truth not hearts-

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Jn 8:31

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Mathew 7:24

#### B. Jesus did not come abolish truth but to fulfill it-

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Mathew 5:17

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. Psalms 119:160

#### C. Truth will be prosecuted-

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Mathew 5:11

"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you. Mathew 7:6

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. II Timothy 4:3

Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. Romans 1:32

If anything at all is classified as sin in our culture is classified as sin it's an act of 'judging' others. Go ahead and follow your heart and pursue your own happiness but don't stop along the way to claim that another person is pursuing their happiness wrongly. If we want to come alongside another person to love and affirm them that entails: affirming (1) their choose path and (2) What happiness means to them. Questioning their path or the nature of their choices in of limits. That's judgmental and it is equated with hate.

Judge-not Jesus effectively said only one thing ever: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" Mathew 7:1. If ever a Christian suggest that something is morally wrong there's a high probability that Judge-Not Jesus will be summoned to repeat the only statement He apparently ever made. **Judge not!**

Faithfully different, Natasha Crain

### **C. The truth is hidden in a dark world-**

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. Isaiah 59:14

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 17:6

### **III. Judge truth and not the hearts of those who disagree with us-**

#### **A. Remember who we are-**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:9

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:16

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, I Peter 1:5

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mathew 5:3

Poor; ptōchos, destitute of wealth, influence, and of Christian virtues

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For by works of the law no human being<sup>[fn]</sup> will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:20

#### **B. The truth about our hearts-**

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person. Mark 7:21

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. I John 1:8

#### **C. The only hope for sinners-**

##### 1. God's grace and mercy-

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. Romans 3:22

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II

Corinthians 5:21

Propitiation; an expiatory sacrifice, a expiatory victim

##### 2. Tell others the good news-

##### 3. Do not argue and condemn those not ready to hear-

Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. II Timothy 2:24

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:5

#### **D. Judge not, pray for our enemies-**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Mathew 5:43

### **IV. Justice will be done-**

He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Hebrews 9:26

#### **A. The self-righteous will be condemned-**

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your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Mathew 7:21

**B. Jesus will judge our hearts-**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it. And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. Mathew 7:24

**V. Summary and application-**

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