

Matthew 7:1-5 - What are We to Judge?

Requirements for When we Judge

#1 – Matthew 7:1-2 – The standard we use will be used against us.

We will be judged by God's perfect standard.

Vv.1-2 – We don't want to raise God's standard since it would be applied to us.

#2 – Matthew 7:3-5b – Look at yourself first and remain humble.

Vv.3-4 – We need this since we all sin each day. It is too very easy to judge people in areas we don't struggle with.

V.5a – We are hypocrites if we do not look at ourselves first.

V.5b – We MUST first look at our own sin before dealing with others.

#3 – Matthew 7:5c – There must be actual sin (speck) as God defines sin.

Also see 1 Corinthians 5:11b.

We have to have an actual Biblical standard for judging sin.

#4a – Matthew 7:5d – They must be called a believer (brother/sister in the Lord).

Also see 1 Corinthians 5:11a & 13b.

We only discipline within the family or Body of Christ.

#4b – Matthew 7:6 – We are NEVER to judge unbelievers.

Also see 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, 12-13a.

The world needs the gospel since they are dead spiritually.

We are to give them the good news so they will then care about obedience.

What are Christians to judge?

Description		Reference	Unbelievers?	Believers?
Person	Thoughts	Matthew 7:1-2 Romans 2:16 John 5:22, 7:24	NO! Only Jesus is qualified to judge these things.	
	Attitudes			
	Motives			
	Appearances			
Observable actions	Doubtful Things	Romans 14:1-10 Colossians 2:16-23	No!	No!
	Actions	Matthew 7:3-5 1 Corinthians 5:9-13		Yes
	Fruits	Matthew 7:15-20		Yes
	Teachings	Acts 17:11 1 Timothy 1:3, Titus 3:10		Yes

1 Corinthians 5

Commands

- #1 – v.2** – That he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.
- #2 – v.5** – Deliver such a one to Satan.
- #3 – v.7** – Purge out the old leaven.
- #4 – vv.9 & 11** – We are not to keep company or fellowship with them.
- #5 – v.13** – Put away from yourselves the evil person.

Reasons

- #1 – v.5b** – For the destruction of the flesh.
- #2 – v.5c** – That his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- #3 – v.7b** – That you [church] may be a new lump.
- #4 – vv.9 & 11** – For indeed our Passover as sacrifice for us.

1 Corinthians 5 – When to Fellowship with People

We are NOT to keep company with people when 2 conditions are present:

Condition #1 – v.11a – Anyone named a brother [or sister] in the Lord.

The word “named” means “named” or “called” as in saying or claiming they are a believer.

Condition #2 – v.11b – And this person is actively involved in known sin according to scripture.

And this goes for any known and on-going / habitual sin in their life that is NOT repented of.

We are not even to eat with a person if they meet these 2 criteria.

We ARE to keep company when these 2 conditions are NOT both present:

Condition #1 – If they do not claim to be believers, we are free to befriend them.

And we should befriend them and offer to share the gospel with them.

After all, they are under judgment and wrath already for not believing in Jesus.

Condition #2 – If they are actively involved in known sin, they will pay a price for it naturally and/or with the Lord.

But their real need is to believe in Jesus.

And our job is to love on them and to offer to share Jesus with them.