

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



Friends

How to Lose Friends and Alienate People

Job 2:11 (ESV)

“Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite.”

Job 2:11 (ESV)

“They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.”

Job 2:12 (ESV)

“And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.”

Job 2:13 (ESV)

“And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.”

The Reasoning Sessions

Eliphaz the Temanite

- He said, “Job, you’re a Hypocrite!”
- We assume we know the TRUTH (Motive)

Bildad the Shuhite

- He said, “Job, you and your kids, y’all got what you deserved, because God is JUST!”
- We say, “God does everything for a reason.”

Zophar the Naamathite

- He said, “You deserve far worse!”
- We are merciless and use suffering as proof of wrongdoing.

Four Greek Words for Judging

Anakrino

- 1 Corinthians 2:15 (ESV)
“The spiritual person judges all things but is himself to be judged by no one.”
- To Investigate

Diakrino

- 1 Corinthians 6:5-6 (ESV)
“...Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?”
- To Carefully Evaluate

Dokimazo

- Romans 14:22
“Happy is the man who doesn’t cause himself to be condemned by what he judges to be good.”
- 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV)
“Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.”
- To examine or Test

Krino

- Luke 6:37 (ESV)
“Do not judge, and you will not be judged.”
- To judge a person to be guilty and liable for punishment

Luke 6:37 (NIV)

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

- **Judge = Find at fault and worthy of punishment**
- **Forgive = Set free, unbind, loose.**

An Antidote to the Judgmental Attitude

A Better Way

Ask the question!

- Proverbs 20:5
“The purpose in a man’s heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.”

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV)

“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

