JUDGE NOT?

UNDERSTANDING JUDGMENT, RIGHTEOUS DISCERNMENT, AND JUDGMENTALISM

GOD HAS NOT FORBIDDEN US TO MAKE JUDGMENTS.
HE HAS FORBIDDEN US TO MAKE UNRIGHTEOUS JUDGMENTS.

THREE IMPORTANT DISTINCTIONS

1. **Judgment**
   The act of evaluating something according to a standard.
2. **Righteous Judgment**
   Evaluating according to God's revealed truth, fairly and humbly.
3. **Judgmentalism**
   An attitude of arrogant, hypocritical, unfair, or unnecessarily condemning criticism.

KEY SCRIPTURES

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."
— Matthew 7:1

"Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."
— John 7:24

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
— Galatians 6:1

SIX KEY TRUTHS

1 YESHUA DID NOT FORBID ALL JUDGMENT.



Matthew 7:1–5

He condemns hypocritical judgment, not correction. Remove the beam from your own eye first.

2 YESHUA COMMANDS RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT.



John 7:24

Discernment is a responsibility, not the enemy of love.
Prove all things.
1 Thessalonians 5:21

3 JUDGE BASED ON TRUTH, NOT ASSUMPTIONS.



John 7:24; Proverbs 18:13

Seek the facts. Avoid partiality. Don't elevate your preferences or prejudices to the authority of Scripture.

4 JUDGE SIN, NOT PEOPLE.



Galatians 6:1

Recognize wrongdoing, but respond with humility and a heart for restoration. Restore, don't humiliate.

5 LOVE DOES NOT REQUIRE MORAL SILENCE.



Ephesians 4:15

Speak the truth in love.
Truth without love is cruelty.
Love without truth is sentimental permissiveness.

6 REMEMBER YOU TOO WILL BE JUDGED.



Romans 14:10–12

Every one of us shall give account to God. Let this produce both moral seriousness and humility.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."
2 Corinthians 13:5

JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

A Messianic Guide to Truth, Humility & Restoration

1 EXAMINE YOURSELF FIRST

Matthew 7:1–5

Yeshua condemns hypocritical judgment—not loving correction. Remove the beam from your own eye before helping with your brother's speck.

2 JUDGE ACCORDING TO TRUTH

John 7:24

Do not judge by appearances, assumptions, favoritism, or personal preference. Test everything by the revealed Word of God.

3 PRACTICE HUMBLE DISCERNMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1

Believers are commanded to examine teachings and conduct. Discernment is a responsibility, not an excuse for arrogance.

4 RESTORE RATHER THAN HUMILIATE

Galatians 6:1

Recognize wrongdoing without delighting in condemnation. Approach a fallen brother or sister in a spirit of meekness.

5 SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 27:6

Love does not demand moral silence, and truth does not permit cruelty. Both must govern our words.

6 REMEMBER YOUR OWN ACCOUNTABILITY

Romans 14:10–12; 2 Corinthians 5:10

Every one of us will give account to God. That truth should make our judgments careful, fair, and merciful.

Judge rightly. Not self-righteously.

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