

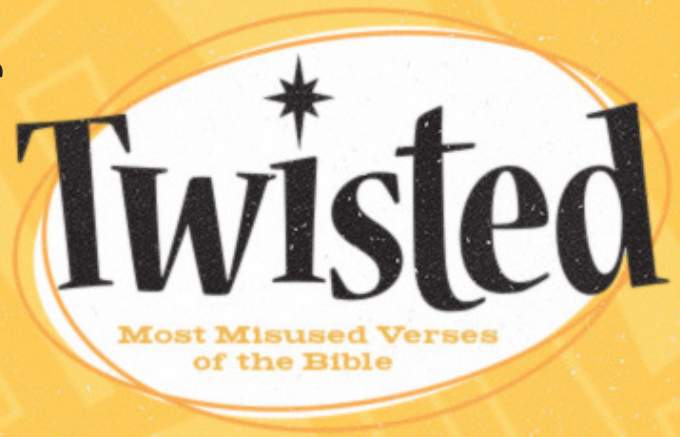


Twisted

**Most Misused Verses
of the Bible**

Part 2

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Matthew 7:1-2



"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? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Matthew 7:3-5

WHAT IS CLEAR ABOUT JUDGING

1) NEVER JUDGE SUPERFICIALLY.

"Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly." John 7:24

2) NEVER JUDGE HYPOCRITICALLY.

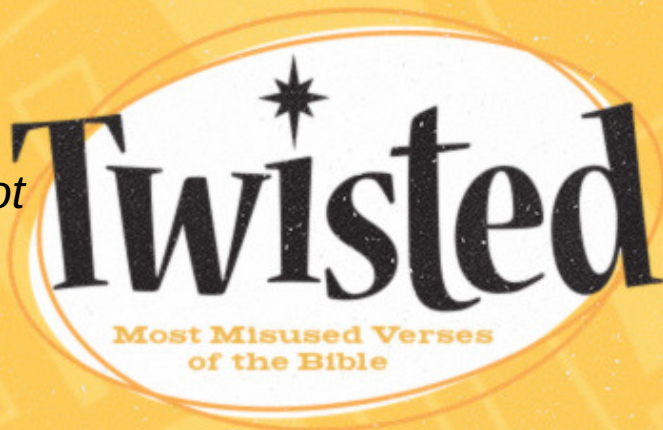
You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things... 4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Romans 2:1, 4 NLT

3) NEVER HOLD NON-CHRISTIANS TO CHRISTIAN STANDARDS.

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside...

1 Corinthians 5:12



4) ALWAYS HELP RESTORE FALLEN BELIEVERS.

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2

Start Thinking:

- *What is one of the first times you remember being judged? How did it make you feel*
- *Describe a time when you judged someone superficially. Why do you think it's so easy to do?*
- *Why are superficial judgments harmful to relationships?*
- *How would you define a hypocrite? How do you think people become hypocritical?*
- *What are the situations in your life where you feel most judged? When are you most judgmental of others?*
- *Which of Pastor Tim's 4 points are most difficult for you to live out? Why?*
- *Do you ever have standards for others that you struggle to meet yourself? If so, what's another alternative?*

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- *What changes can you make to lead with grace before truth, especially in your relationships with people who don't follow Jesus?*
- *Are there people you need to help gently restore? What is your next step to come alongside their recovery?*