

HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS
Who Are You To Judge?
James 4:11-12
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1. Submit to God
2. Resist the Devil
3. Draw near to God
4. Cleanse and purify
5. Be convicted
6. Humble yourself
7. Don't slander and gossip

We are created to love and worship God and love one another.

When we say no to God and do something else we want to do, we sin.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:6 NIV

Humanity is quite caught up with being god-like.

Many cultures worship many gods.

We can and often do judge the motives of others without knowing all the facts

DO NOT SIT IN JUDGEMENT

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

James 4:11-12 NIV

So when you criticize and judge another's action you are saying to God I do not need to love them, I am criticizing them.

All of the laws and commands in scripture are measured by these two primary commands, love God and love others.

To criticize others is to say the "Love your neighbor law" is not a worthy law so you set it aside.

When you criticize you are placing yourself above the other person and pushing God to the side and acting like you are the judge.

As you stand before God are you in any way better than even one other person?

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others... 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:3-4; 12-13 NAS

God loves each and every person.

Jesus atoned for our sin, for the sin of all.

Salvation is offered and must be accepted. It is never forced.

Once saved we are still no better than any other person so do not criticize them.

To be humble is to understand that all people are no better and no worse than we are. And there is only one God.