

## DO YE JUDGE UPRIGHTLY?

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**Psalm 58:1** This verse signifies that every person must practice righteous judgment. You cannot survive in this world if you do not make some judgments between safe/unsafe, right/wrong, good/bad/worse/better/best, etc.

- People wrongly quote Matthew 7:1 (out of context) whenever they feel you are being “too judgmental.”
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**1 Cor 2:15** **He that is spiritual judgeth all things.** It is incorrect to accept all things equally, you must make some decisions in life based on God’s standards and plain common sense. We make choices by carefully studying the facts and determining what is the best course of action.

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**1 Cor 5:12-13** Christians are expected to “**judge them that are within**” the Body of Christ.

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**1 Cor 6:1-2** Don’t go to the worldly courts for judgment. Go to the word of God and those saints that teach the word of God.

- If you avoid righteous judgment from the Bible, it’s because you don’t want to do right.
  - God expects the leadership of the local church to judge rightly to preserve the purity of the lives in that local congregation.
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**John 7:24** The Lord told us to judge, and He expects our judgment to be right.

- If your judgment is according to the word of God, it will be right.
  - We are not to judge by the way something looks or by popular opinion or majority rule.
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**John 12:47-48** The word of God will judge you in the last day, no matter whether you are saved or lost.

- It would be a good idea to find out what the Bible says about all subjects to make sure you are right.
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**1 Cor 4:3-4** You will have critics who will judge you when you do right. If you ARE doing right, you shouldn’t worry about what the critics say about you. Concern yourself with your day of judgment before the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**1 Cor 4:5** We can't make final judgments about other people. We don't have all the facts. We don't see what God sees in that person. But it will all be manifest and brought to light before the Lord.

- We should devote our time to making sure our OWN life is being lived according to the word of God. Let others do the same, preparing themselves for the Judgment Seat of Christ.
  - We can't properly judge people because we don't know how much light God has given them.
  - Avoid evil surmising, making assumptions based on what you imagine to be so. Only God knows all the facts of each case. Don't try to fill in the blanks or read between the lines when you don't know the whole truth.
  - Avoid judging somebody based on what you heard (gossip). That is not righteous judgment.
  - The primary focus of our judgment should be our own lives.
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**1 Peter 1:17** Our judgment should be without respect of persons. Don't play favorites.

- Don't pardon and forgive the friend that you like, and then condemn someone else for the exact same sin simply because you're not fond of them.
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**1 Cor 11:31** **For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.**

- We need to bring our own sins to judgment, according to the Holy Bible.
    - Don't look for another source or standard to try and justify your sin.
    - Find out what the Bible says about it, repent, and make necessary corrections.
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**Rom 2:1-3** This is the same teaching as the Lord's statement in Matthew 7:1. Don't judge others if you are doing the very same thing as the one you are judging. Don't be a hypocrite. If you are a hypocrite, prepare to be judged with the same judgment by which you judge others.

- Examine yourself first and get the beam out of your own eye before you attempt to judge someone else (Mt 7:5).
  - Don't judge yourself very tolerantly while judging others harshly.
  - God will judge you according to the way you judge others.
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**Rom 14:10-13** If we will constantly remember that we are going face the Lord Jesus Christ in judgment one day, it will help us to live right lives.

- Help others to learn the Bible and pray for them that they can live right, remembering that they will give account of themselves to God.
  - Live your life in a way that will ensure that you won't cause others to stumble.
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