

Are We Judgmental?

Slaying the Dragons of Deception #7

Matthew 7:1-6; John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 5:12-13a

Matthew 7:1-6 (NIV) "**Do not judge**, or you too will be judged. ² For **in the same way you judge others, you will be judged**, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ "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.** ⁶ "Do not give dogs what is sacred; **do not throw your pearls to pigs.** If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces. 1 Peter 3:15; Galatians 6:1-10; Hebrews 12:14-16

Who or What Are We To Judge?

John 7:24 (NIV) "**Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.**" Proverbs 6:32; 14:12; 15:28; 22:4-6

We're to Judge "Beliefs" by _____,
2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 16:17-18; Galatians 1:8; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 2 Timothy 3:1, 13-15; Colossians 2:4; Psalm 119:89; Acts 17:11, 22-23

"Insiders" by Our _____, Matthew 7:16-21; John 8:12, 31-32; Acts 15:8-9; 26:20; Galatians 2:11-16; 5:19-26

- ***Wrong Verdict***
- ***Wrong Timing***
- ***Wrong Motivation***

And, We're to Judge "Outsiders" by Their

_____ . John 3:3-6, 13-17; 4:10; 7:37-38; 10:9-10; 15:5; 21:6; Matthew 9:35-38; 11:28-29; Romans 5:17; 6:3-4, 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

"Christians talk about hating sin and loving sinners, but the way they go about things, they might as well call it what it is. They hate the sin and the sinner." - Jeff, age 25

1 Corinthians 5:12a-13a (NIV) **What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? ^{13a} God will judge those outside.**

Six Requests from Those Outside

1. ***"Listen to Me."***
2. ***"Don't Label Me."***
3. ***"Don't Be So Smart."***
4. ***"Put Yourself in My Place."***
5. ***"Be Genuine."***
6. ***"Be My Friend with No Other Motives."***

Let me add a request ...

"When the Time is Right, Speak the Truth in Love."

Proverbs 25:11 (MSG) The **right word** at the **right time** is like a custom-made piece of **jewelry**. Ephesians 4:15; 5:13-16; Romans 10:13-17; Hebrews 4:12; Philippians 2:12-16a

