

# Is It Ever Right to Judge?

Matthew 7:1-5

The only verse every pagan knows ...

## Some preliminary considerations ...

Always consider \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*Jesus wasn't talking about judging \_\_\_\_\_ ...*

*Jesus was addressing his followers about their attitudes towards each other as \_\_\_\_\_ ...*

Interpret Scripture with \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*What does Jesus mean by "judging"?*

*It does not mean suspending the rule of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*It doesn't mean \_\_\_\_\_.*

*It doesn't mean suspending \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Is there a "right judging"? (See: John 7:24)*

*How do we reconcile passages like 1 Thess. 5:21-22 or 1 John 4:1 to Jesus' words?*

Seek out the bigger \_\_\_\_\_ ...

As brothers and sisters, we should aim to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ towards one another, always hoping for and assuming the \_\_\_\_\_ from each other.

Our aim should be (in this order):

... to be submissive to \_\_\_\_\_, who judges righteously,

... to rigorously \_\_\_\_\_ for repentance, and ...

... to gently \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and help each other walk in God-honoring holiness.

Are there **limits** in how we practice this with one another?

We should not go \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 4:3-7)

*We may judge doctrine and behavior by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.*

*We may not judge a person's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

We should not judge in matters of \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 14:1-4)

## So, what and how should we judge?

We should judge between what is \_\_\_\_\_ and what is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 7:6*

We should judge between what is \_\_\_\_\_ and what is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 7:15-20*

We should judge between what is \_\_\_\_\_ and what is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Hebrews 5:14*

We should judge between what is \_\_\_\_\_ and what \_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 12:2*

## Conclusions:

Logical, ethical, moral judgment is a \_\_\_\_\_ of all Christians!

This judgment is rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_ judgments of God contained \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

We are emphatically called in the Sermon on the Mount – and in fact through all Scripture – to live a uniquely \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ life!

This requires a maturing ability to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ properly.

We do this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, wanting both the \_\_\_\_\_ of our brothers and sisters and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lost.

We \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, and trust God to ultimately prevail in judgment.