

ALL ARE EVIL!!!!

Our flawed judgment keeps us in harm's way - John 8:15-16 - **15 YOU JUDGE BY HUMAN STANDARDS; I pass judgment on no one.** 16 But if I do judge, **my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father,** who sent me.

God has already laid the foundation for us to understand people

Everyone who has been and will be born has fall short of righteousness - Rom 3:22-24 - 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for **ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT** of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by HIS GRACE through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

There are NO people, groups, families, generation...that are good, NOT ONE!!! - Rom 3:9-18 - 9 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? **Not at all!** We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. 10 As it is written: "There is **NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;** 11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is **NO ONE WHO DOES GOOD, NOT EVEN ONE.**" 13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." 14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways, 17 and the way of peace they do not know." 18 "**THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.**"

Evil comes from within ALL MEN

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Mark 7:20-23 - 20 He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' 21 For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 **ALL THESE EVILS COME FROM INSIDE AND MAKE A MAN 'UNCLEAN.'**"

Altogether, man is the cause of the corruption in the world - 2 Peter 1:4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world **CAUSED BY EVIL DESIRES.**

ONLY God is good! - Mark 10:18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "**NO ONE IS GOOD — EXCEPT GOD ALONE.**"

Only Godly men are considered good when they are displaying God - Matt 12:35-37 - 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for EVERY CARELESS WORD THEY HAVE SPOKEN. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

When it comes down to it, you can tell a good (Godly) person from an evil person by HOW they live, but you MUST recognize Godly living -1 John 3:7-10 - 7 Dear children, **DO NOT LET ANYONE LEAD YOU ASTRAY.** He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 **THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHO THE CHILDREN OF GOD ARE and WHO THE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL ARE:** Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Our views are usually distorted by us and our biases

Our own righteousness is not what we think it is worth - Isa 64:6 - All of us have become like one who is unclean, and **ALL OUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS ARE LIKE FILTHY RAGS;** we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Those we dislike, we accept all negatives about them no matter what...while God says... - James 4:11-12 - 11 Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him 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?**

Those we favor, we only receive what is said good about them ignoring or excusing bad...while God says... - James 2:8-9 - 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 **But IF YOU SHOW FAVORITISM, YOU SIN** and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

***We must not label people 'good' when they are not walking with God, nor condemn others as 'bad' without recognizing our own condition apart from God**

How do we recognize and deal with ALL being evil?

First, I must realize I am evil in order to have a TRUE relationship with Christ - Rom 7:21-25 - 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 **WHAT A WRETCHED MAN I AM! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Allow yourself to display the goodness of God not of self - 2 Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **IN HIM** we might become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.**

Even those that are good are only good when we die so that Christ lives in us - Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and **I NO LONGER LIVE, but Christ lives in me.** The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Reassess ALL of our judgements - John 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a **RIGHT judgment.**"

We MUST recognize that our favorable view of ourselves may be the very thing keeping us from Christ. - 1 John 1:5-7 - 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If **WE CLAIM** to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, **WE LIE AND DO NOT LIVE BY THE TRUTH.** 7 But if we walk in the light, **AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we do not realize how evil we are without God we are in danger of the following:

- Depending on ourselves for what is right and wrong and going against God.
- Not going to God because we think we are so good we have it figured out.
- Causing others to stumble because of my walk (which I think is good) is not in line with God.
- Causing division in the body by partnering with people that think like me Instead of us all thinking like God.

We cannot respond to those who endanger the Body by remaining passive or doing nothing.

We must give Godly guidelines to who to watch out for - Phil 3:2 Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh

If we carelessly just put everyone in one group, we miss dealing with certain people the right way –

The Church MUST recognize the dangers to the Body and act accordingly - Heb 12:15-16 - 15 **SEE TO IT** that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. 16 **SEE THAT** no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

The most important aspect for partnerships must be their relationship with Christ ONLY, that will mold everything else - 2 Cor 6:14-15 - 14 **Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.** For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

We must have Godly reasoning for our dealings with those that are evil –

1 Tim 1:18-20 - 18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. **SOME HAVE REJECTED THESE AND SO HAVE SHIPWRECKED THEIR FAITH.** 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have HANDED OVER TO SATAN to be taught not to blaspheme.

2 Tim 4:14-15 - 14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. **The Lord will repay him for what he has done.** 15 **YOU TOO SHOULD BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST HIM,** because he strongly opposed our message.

Simply put It is GODLY NECESSARY to warn concerning other people and groups - Titus 1:10-16 - 10 For there are many REBELLIOUS PEOPLE, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. 11 They **must be silenced,** because THEY ARE RUINING WHOLE HOUSEHOLDS BY TEACHING THINGS THEY OUGHT NOT TO TEACH — and that for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 Even **one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."** 13 This testimony is true. Therefore, **REBUKE THEM SHARPLY, so that they will be sound in the faith** 14 and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth.

We must realize, dealing with and warning of those that are evil, We MUST be very careful How we measure ALL people - Matt 7:1-2 - "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.**

Don't get it twisted: we are called to judge—but only those within the household of faith - 1 Cor 5:11-13 - 11 But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but IS sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. **With such a man do not even eat.** 12 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. "Expel the wicked man from among you."