

JUDGING GODLY VS JUDGING WORLDLY

How you judge... (what it's based on, the amount of compassion and understanding, how you communicate... will all be done for you the same way.) - 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.

We are supposed to judge, however, we have to judge based on the right things - John 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment."

Our judgment must only be based on God -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.

*Standards are Purposes and foundations. Worldly standards are based on what the world says is right or wrong

We are not to Pass judgement, and we must not be the problem Rom 14:13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.

We must love all and love all equally - 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.

Christians are to minister (not judge) the world, but we are to hold Christians accountable (which means we judge) - 1 Cor 5:9-13 - 9 I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 **NOT AT ALL MEANING THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD** who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 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."

Worldly components vs Godly Components

*The world focuses on others issues without truly taking their issues into consideration

*We Truly recognize ourselves in order to help others to truly see - Matt 7:3-5 - 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.

*The world uses what it has access to (what is seen & point of view) to make judgements, though there are many unknowns

*We are very skeptical of what we see and skeptical of our viewpoint

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Prov 16:25 **There is a way that seems right to a man,** but in the end it leads to death.

*No matter my experiences and what I see there are ALWAYS things that should be considered, but are missed

*The world measures a man by what they see and how they discern

*God sees much deeper than we can see - 1 Sam 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **THE LORD DOES NOT LOOK AT THE THINGS MAN LOOKS AT.** Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

*This is why we follow God's guidelines for marriage, ministers, raising children...

*The world builds a trust in self and on others they respect to make judgements

*We NEVER trust self, or others, but completely trust God

Prov 28:26 He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.

Jer 17:5 This is what the Lord says: "**Cursed** is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

Prov 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

*We only trust it when it is based on sound doctrine

*The world responds as it sees best, not realizing, how they respond WILL affect them (Matt 7:1-2)

*Godly response is grounded in His Word - Rom 12:17-19 - 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 **DO NOT TAKE REVENGE,** my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "**It is mine to avenge; I will repay,**" says the Lord.

*When it comes down to it, in order to judge by Godly standards over human standards we just follow what God gives us and respond the way he says with everything.