Who are you to Judge??

**Jame 4:11-12 (NIV)**

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. (Do not speak evil of one another)

Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it but sitting in judgment on it. 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?

## DO NOT JUDGE!!

**Matthew 7:1-2 (NKJV)**

Judge [**condemn**] not, that you be not judged. For with what [**condemnation**] judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

**Luke 6:37-38 (NKJV)**

Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

**James 5:8-10 (NKJV)**

You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord [has drawn near] is at hand. Do not [groan] grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be [judged]condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

## WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE??

**Romans 14:2-4 (CSB)**

One person believes he may eat anything, while one who is weak eats only vegetables. One who eats must not look down on one who does not eat, and one who does not eat must not judge one who does, because God has accepted him. **Who are you to judge another’s household servant?** Before his own Lord he stands or falls. And he will stand, because the Lord is able to make him stand.

**James 4:10-12 (NKJV) - Do Not Judge a Brother**

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver [and Judge], who is able to save and to destroy. **[But] Who are you to judge another [a neighbor]?**

**Isaiah 64:5-7 (CSB)**

You welcome the one who joyfully does what is right; they remember you in your ways.

But we have sinned, and you were angry. How can we be saved if we remain in our sins?

All of us have become like something unclean,

and all our righteous acts are like a polluted [menstrual] garment;

all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.

No one calls on your name, striving to take hold of you.

For you have hidden your face from us and made us melt because of our iniquity.

**Romans 3:9-11 (ESV)**

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:

None is righteous,

 no, not one;

 no one understands;

 no one seeks for God.

**Romans 3:22-24 (ESV)**

the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

## Immorality Must Be Judged

Judging with an intent of consequences

**1 Corinthians 5:9-13**

I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep [associate] company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore, “put away from yourselves the evil person.”

It is within the context of the church, not determining where the individual shall spend eternity.

## A purported exception to the “Do Not Judge” rule….

**John 7:24 (NKJV)**

Do not judge according to appearance, **but judge with righteous judgment**.

1. This is Jesus Speaking.
2. To whom is he speaking? The Jews who were seeking to kill him.
3. **John 7:24 (NKJV**)

Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. 22 Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

## Judgment that is actually dealing with LEGAL (NOT SPIRITUAL) issues.

**2 Chronicles 19:5-7**

Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, “Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the Lord, who is with you [a]in the judgment. Now therefore, let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes.

**Luke 12:57**

“Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

**1 Corinthians 6:1-5 (NKJV)** – Do not sue the Brethren

Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more the things that pertain to this life?

If then you have [*courts*] judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

## DISCERN

What is to discern in the Bible?

To discern is to understand what is good and what is evil. Apostle Paul instructs that those of spiritual maturity should be able to “have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (Heb 5:13).