

Judging

It Came From Within, Part 5

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"It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart." Mark 7:15 (NLT)

Two Myths About Judging

1. I shouldn't make moral evaluations

Truth: the opposite of being judgmental is not tolerance, but

2. The Bible says all judging is wrong.

Truth: the bible does not say that judging is wrong, but that I am the _____.

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in someone else's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from the other person's eye."

Matthew 7:1-5

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will certainly die." Genesis 2:16-17

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:17

The Tension In The Gospels Is Between

- Jesus who offers eternal life based on love
- The Pharisees who offer a false righteousness based on knowledge of good-evil.

The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.
Matt 13:41-42

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

Whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

John 6:47-48

HOW CAN I BREAK THE HABIT OF JUDGING OTHERS?

1. Remember That I'll Be Judged By The Same

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:1-2

2. Remember That Each Of Us Is _____

So then, we will all give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Rom. 14:12-13

3. Remember How Much God Has Been _____

"Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13

*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted