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Doing the Unthinkable

Judging



Matthew 7

1) JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED.



John 7

- 6) Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.
- 7) The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because **I TESTIFY ABOUT IT THAT ITS WORKS ARE EVIL.**



Matthew 7

- 6) Do not give **DOGS** what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before **PIGS**, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.



Matthew 7

15) Beware of **FALSE PROPHETS**, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.



Judging

- You Judge someone **NOT** when you **ASSESS THEIR POSITION**, but when you **DISMISS THEM AS A PERSON**



Do You **NEED** To?

NECESSARY

*Is it **necessary** that I say this?*

ENCOURAGE

*Will this **encourage** the person?*

EDIFY

*Does this **edify**?*

DIGNIFY

*Will this **dignify** the person?*

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- 1) Judge not, that you be not judged.
- 2) For **WITH THE JUDGMENT YOU PRONOUNCE YOU WILL BE JUDGED**, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.



Isaiah 58

- 9) Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' **IF YOU TAKE AWAY** the yoke from your midst, **THE POINTING OF THE FINGER**, and speaking wickedness,
- 10) if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

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Six Signs of Judging

- 1) You are more **ENRAGED** at someone else's sin than you are **EMBARRASSED** by your own
- 2) You **REFUSE** to Forgive
- 3) You **CUT OFF** those who disagree with you



Matthew 5

46) For if you **ONLY LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU**, what reward do you have? Do not even sinners do the same?

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Fellowship

- Fellowship literally means **“TO COME ALONGSIDE SOMEONE”**
- You have to **LOVE YOUR BROTHER MORE THAN YOU LOVE YOUR POSITION ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE**



Matthew 26

50) Jesus said to him, “**FRIEND**, do what you came to do.”

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- 4) You **GOSSIP**
- 5) You refuse to receive **CRITICISM**
- 6) You write someone off as **HOPELESS**



Remember

- 1) God is **LISTENING**
- 2) God **KNOWS THE TRUTH** about you
- 3) God is ruthlessly **FAIR**



Matthew 7

- 3) “Why do you see the **SPECK** that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the **LOG** that is in your own eye?
- 4) Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?
- 5) You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will **SEE CLEARLY TO TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR BROTHER’S EYE.**

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3rd John

- 9) I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority.
- 10) So if I come, **I WILL BRING UP WHAT HE IS DOING**, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.



2nd Timothy 4

- 10) For Demas, **IN LOVE WITH THIS PRESENT WORLD**, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
- 14) Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; **THE LORD WILL REPAY HIM ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.**



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Proverbs 15

- 1) **A SOFT ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH**, but a harsh word stirs up anger.



Galatians 6

- 1) Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should **RESTORE HIM IN A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS.** Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.



Colossians 2

- 20)** If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—
- 21)** **“DO NOT HANDLE, DO NOT TASTE, DO NOT TOUCH”**



Colossians 2

- 22)** (referring to things that all perish as they are used) - according to human precepts and teachings?
- 23)** These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but **THEY ARE OF NO VALUE IN STOPPING THE INDULGENCE OF THE FLESH.**



Colossians 2

- 23)** These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and **SEVERITY** to the **BODY**, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.



Fellowship

- Being **SEVERE** with your Brothers and Sisters will really have **NO VALUE IN HELPING THEM BATTLE THEIR SINS**
- It's a **NATURAL REACTION** to want to **SET RULES** and **RESTRICT PEOPLE**, but it really doesn't help them in their walk



Grace and Truth

- **TRUTH** without **GRACE** is **JUDGMENTAL FUNDAMENTALISM**
- **GRACE** without **TRUTH** is **LIBERAL SENTIMENTALITY**
- Our **GOAL** is to combine them **BOTH**