



“If you continue in My word,
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

Don't Judge!

Matthew 7:1-2 “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”

We now come to the verse that is one of the most frequently quoted and misunderstood verses in America today. We are going to use the Word of God to try and illuminate just what Jesus meant by these verses. Look at the following scenarios and discuss whether the judgments are appropriate or not in the light of the Scriptures given (or others that you may feel apply).

1. A brother thanks God that he is not like other sinners. (Lk 18:9-14)
2. Brother A who is 100lbs overweight speaks out that Brother B who is struggling with tobacco should be disciplined for his sin (Romans 2:1-3).
3. Sister C has a chronic illness. Sister D comes to her and tells her that she must have bitterness in her heart that is causing her sickness. (John 9:2-3)
4. Pastor E hands over to Satan Brother F, who is an unrepentant adulterer, for the destruction of the flesh. (I Cor 5:1,3,5)
5. Sister G sees Brother H drive past in a car with a woman other than his wife. She concludes he must be in adultery. (Prov 18:13, John 7:24, John 7:51)
6. An elder sees a woman acting in an unusual manner and reproves her for being drunk. (I Sam 1:13-16, I Sam 16:7)
7. Sister A shares a negative and critical comment about Sister B when talking with Sister C. (James 4:11-12)

8. Brother A who is a vegetarian and health food advocate looks down on Brother B who loves to barbeque meat and eat lots of cake and ice cream. Brother B is critical in his heart towards Brother A and the “bird food” that he eats. (Romans 14:1-4,10)

9. Pastor C tells his congregation that Paster D (who performs gay marriages and who himself is an openly homosexual man) is a false prophet. (Matt 7:15-20)

10. Brother E, an evangelist, looks down on Brother T, who is a teacher and doesn't lead as many souls to Christ; while Brother T feels in his heart that Brother E's ministry is a “mile wide and an inch deep”. (Romans 14:4, Romans 12:4-8)

Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Do I look down on others who I feel aren't as good as I?
2. Do I think the best about people or jump to negative conclusions before I know the facts?
3. Am I critical of others when I have some of the same root problems and struggles as they do?



Doers of the Word

What has God spoken to me today?



Further Study: Matt 9:1-13, Rom 14, Lk 6:36-38,
Lk 13:2

“...And you shall know The Truth,
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

