

# Judge Not



Matthew 7:1



# Understanding *vs.* Misusing

- How It Is Often Used

- *We Can Never Judge Another*

- *MYOB. Leave Me Alone!*



# Understanding *vs.* Misusing

- What It Actually Means

- *Don't Be Hypocritical*

v. 2

- *Judge Only To Correct*

v. 5



# When Judging Is Forbidden

- **Unbelievers [Spiritual Discipline]**

- *That Is God's Part*

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:11-13

- *Vengeance is the Lord's*

Rom. 12:19; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 1:4-8



# When Judging Is Forbidden

- **Before We Know All the Facts** **Prov. 18:13**

- *Such Is Unjust Judgment*

**John 7:32-51**

- *Diligent Inquiry Is Required*

**Deut. 13:12-15; 17:2-5; Jas. 1:19**



# When Judging Is Forbidden

- In Matters of Personal Conscience

- *Again, It Is Not Our Place*

Romans 14

- *Acceptable Differences May Exist*

Romans 14:5, 6



# When Judging Is Forbidden

- **Based On Superficial Factors**

- *Man's Tendency*

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7

- *According to the Flesh*

John 8:13, 14; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 2:14



# When Judging Is Proper

- **Among Brethren**

- *Spiritual Matters*

Deut. 13:5; 17:7; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:9-13

- *Civil/Secular Matters*

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:5





# When Judging Is Proper

- About Truth And Error

- *We Are To 'Test'*

- 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1; Hebrews 5:14

- *We Are To Beware*

- Matthew 7:15-20



# When Judging Is Proper

- **With Righteous Judgment**

**John 7:24**

- *No Partiality*

**Deut. 10:17; 16:19; Jas. 2:9**

- *But With Mercy*

**James 2:12, 13**



# When Judging Is Proper

- With God's Word as the Standard

— *His Word's Place In Judgment*

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16; John 12:48

— *We Judge God's Judgment*

Deuteronomy 1:17

