

Judging Others - *Luke 6:21*

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Introduction

Story of Steve Saint's wife (Ecaudor) and the grandson who's grandfather was killed by an Indian who then became his "adopted Grandfather".

The gift of the Christians is the ability to forgive deeply and extend grace beyond the fullest extent

Can we judge others?

Context: umbrella of loving your enemy! Judgement succeeds loving

How To Treat your enemies

Luke 6:31

In otherwords - don't treat them the way they are treating you.

The golden rule is singularly and solely Biblical and Christian. *It is not a secular concept* Everytime it appears in some other text it is put in the negative form ("Don't treat others the way you don't want to be treated"). The negative form is from a selfish motive. However, in the Bible, it is used in the positive form which is from a selfless attitude.

You do what is right in every circumstance regardless of how it impacts you!

Luke 6:35

The results of loving your enemies - you will be a picture of the most High to others! When you act this way you are distinctly different than the world.

The way we glorify Christ is by becoming like them.

How do we view our enemies?

Luke 6:35-36

Be merciful

“**merciful**” you look upon them in a different way, which is contrary to the natural way of perceiving them

How a state trooper who never mistreated a prisoner for 15 years.

1. I always see them as a man
2. “A soft answer turns away anger”

“Keep on being merciful as your heavenly Father keeps on being merciful to you”

“Pardoning you will be pardoned”

2 questions:

1. Is there a right way to judge? If so when?
2. When is it wrong for us to judge?

The right way to judge

The Bible is replete with commandments to judge (be discerning)

3 John 1:9

Meanings of Judge

base word

“**krino**” to separate or divide

example, people who are inspecting fruit to buy

“**ana**” up, against, back

“**anakrino**” to examine, investigate or question

1 Corinthians 2:14

“**dia**” through

“**diakrino**” to judge through or discriminate

1 Corinthians 11:31

We as believers are called to discern what is right and wrong. When we “pass judgement” we are declaring what is right and wrong.

Examples of Judging

Luke 7:43

“You have [krino] correctly”

The wrong way to Judge

Do not judge preferences or opinions.

Romans 14:1

We do not have the right to judge the Lord’s servants regarding his opinions.

Paul is speaking to weak and strong believer about eating meat offered to idols.
There were those judging others about eating meat offered to idols.
What line is drawn between opinions and Laws?

Do not judge another's motivations

1 Corinthians 4:2-4

The believers at Corinth were trying to disqualify Paul's motive.
Only God can judge another's motive.

We cannot pass judgement based on another's conviction

1 Corinthians 4:2-4

How is this different from moral relativism?

We cannot judge hypocritically

Luke 6:42

The word

“hypocrite” “hupokritos”

to speak from under a mask, to judge from under a mask

2 Samuel 11

Once we've become a Christian we have

Luke 6:37

“katadikazo” to pass a sentence (of condemnation) on someone