

What does the Bible say about judging others?

The Week of September 10, 2017

Read Matthew 7:1-6. Do not judge, so that you may not be judged....

Matthew 7:1 is one of the most cited scriptures dealing with judgment. Our first task is to put this verse in context. What does the passage say about judging others?

What does Jesus mean by the illustration speck and the log?

What do the holy things, pearls, dogs, and swine represent? What does this say about judgment?

Read Matthew 7:15-20. Beware of false prophets...

A prophet is someone who claims to speak a word from God. How are the disciples to judge whether a prophet is true or false?

How does this form of judgment differ from Matthew 7:1?

Read James 4:1-12. Those conflicts and disputes among you...

What is the source of conflict that James is dealing with?

In verses 9-10, what is James recommending to those who are in conflict?

In verse 11, what temptation does James caution against?

Who is supposed to play the judge?

Read Romans 14:1-12. Welcome those who are weak in faith...

This passage deals with arguments about eating meat and keeping certain holy days. In verse 1, does Paul indicate that these are essential issues?

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In verse 6, what should the people seek in the choices they make?

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Read Romans 16:17–20. I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep an eye on those...

What does this passage say about judging others?

What should the community do with those “who cause dissensions and offenses”?

For whose sake should the judgment be made? Who should make that judgment?

Is this passage dealing with matters of importance or of opinion?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus...

Who is the judge?

How should false teaching be addressed?

Read Matthew 18:15–22. If another member of the church sins against you...

What should you do if another person wrongs you?

What if they persist in their wrongdoing?

What must you do if someone wrongs you?

Do they have to admit fault to be forgiven by you?

What does this passage say about the church judging members?

Read Ephesians 4:11–16. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles...

What does this passage say about judgment?

What does this say about the motivation behind our speaking?