

“The Demands Of Righteous Judgment”

Lesson Text: **John 7:19-27.**

I. To Judge Or Not To Judge?

- Some Religious People Say Making Any Kind Of Judgments Are Excluded.
 - Some Will Use Scripture Out Of Context:
 - **Matthew 7:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:5; James 4:12.**
- But The Bible Says There Are Times We Must Make Judgments.
 - Between Matters Of Right & Wrong- **1 Corinthians 6:1-8.**
 - Between Truth & Error- **1 John 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:16-18.**
 - Between Who Is In Fellowship With God- **Acts 9:26-27; Acts 16:15; Romans 16:17-18.**

II. Making Righteous Judgments Demands:

1. That We Be Righteous In Our Motive.

- Must Be Like Jesus- **John 5:30.**
- Motives Can Be Very Wrong- **Matthew 6:2, 5 & 16; Philippians 1:15-18;**
- If Our Motives Are Not Right Or Untainted From Retaliation Or Bitterness, Will God Approve Of Such Motivations? **Hebrews 4:12-13.**

2. That We Use The Righteous Standard.

- **John 12:48.**
- We Will Not Be Judged By Nor Judge Others By:
 1. Traditions Of Men. **Matthew 15:1-2.**
 2. The Law Of Moses. **Colossians 2:14-17.**
 3. The Writings And Creeds Of Men. **Matthew 21:24-25; 1 Peter 4:11.**

3. That We Do Not Judge By Appearance.

- **John 7:24.**
- We May Arrive At The Wrong Conclusion: **John 1:46; John 7:52; & 8:41.**

4. That We Use Judgment With Mercy.

- Contrary To The Opinion Of The World, Christians Are Not All About Condemning.
- **Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:7; James 2:13.**
- Mercy In Judgment Applied: **1 Corinthians 5:12-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:15.**
2 Corinthians 2:6-8; Romans 2:4; Titus 1:11-13.

5. That We Be Consistent In Our Judgments.

- All Sin Is Wrong- **Matthew 7:1-5.**
- No Matter Who Does It- **Proverbs 18:5.**