



RESILIENT

Judge Not?

Matthew 7:1-6



John 3:19-20

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.



Non-Christians do NOT HAVE . . .

- A new nature that comes from regeneration (new birth).
- A biblically-renewed mind.
- The promises of God to escape this world's corruption.
- A biblically-informed fear of God.
- A community of fellow believers supporting them to live holy lives.
- The power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.



Questions for This Morning:

1. What does Jesus mean by the word “judge”?
2. Is this really a prohibition against calling sin, “sin”?
3. Is it ever appropriate for people to “call out” the sins of others?
4. How can we avoid the hypocrisy of calling out sin, when none of us are morally blameless?



Matthew 7:1-6 (page 812)

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."



Earl Nightingale

(1921-1989)

“When you judge others,
you do not define them;
you define yourself.”



1 Corinthians 2:15

The spiritual person judges (*i.e.* examines, appraises, or discerns) all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.



1 Corinthians 4:3-5

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.



Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.



Ephesians 5:11

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them.



Luke 17:3

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,



John 7:23-24

If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”



1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins.



Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.



Timothy Keller

(1950-2023)

“Because every human being was made to image God in a special way, every single person and every individual life—whether a good person or a bad person, a smart person or a not-so-smart person, a weak person or a strong person, whether rich or poor, whether female or male, whether young or old or very, very old...



Timothy Keller

(1950-2023)

...no matter how they smell, no matter how they behave, no matter what they look like, no matter how they're performing—God says, “I have put my honor and glory and dignity into every single one, and anyone who raises a hand to violate their life, to abuse their life, to degrade their life... anyone who does that to any human being, I will take that as an assault on Me, an assault on My glory, an assault on My honor.”



Romans 2:1-3

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?



James 4:11-12

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?



The Jewish Talmud

(b Shabbath 127b, M Sotah 1:7, b Baba Metzia 59b)

“Do not assume the place of God by deciding you have the right to stand in judgment over all—do not do it, I say, in order to avoid being called to account by the God whose place you usurp.”



Jude 9

But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, (*that is, a slanderous, abusive, or vilifying judgment*), but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”



John 12:47

If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.



1 Corinthians 5:12-13

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



R.C. Sproul

Beloved, we fail to really understand the sinfulness of sin. If God the Holy Spirit were to convict you right now of the full measure of your sin, you wouldn't be able to stand it. If the Spirit revealed to me right now the full measure of my sin, I would probably run from this pulpit screaming in anguish!



R.C. Sproul

The conviction of sin laid upon us by the Spirit of truth is often powerful, yet gentle and sweet.

Even when He convicts us of our guilt, He leads us not to despair, but to the Savior and His forgiveness that gives us freedom.



Matthew 7:6

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”



Proverbs 9:8

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.



Summary

One form of judgment is evaluation.

The other form is condemnation.

Evaluation is appropriate.

Condemnation is not.



Psalm 141:5 (David)

“Let a righteous man
strike me—it is a kindness;
let him rebuke me—it is oil
for my head; let my head
not refuse it.”



Timothy Keller

“Never do we find God’s grace unless something has gotten us to see our weakness, our insufficiency, our flawedness, our sin, our neediness.”



Typical Conversation

Secular Person: I want to do X.

Christian: You're free to do it.

Secular Person: But you think X is wrong.

Christian: Yes.

Secular Person: Because you want to control me.

Christian: No, you're free to do whatever you wish.



Typical Conversation

Secular Person: But you think X is wrong.

Christian: Yes.

Secular Person: But I want to do X.

Christian: You're free to do it.

Secular Person: But I want you to say that X is good.

Christian: I can't say that.

Secular Person: Why are you so hateful and intolerant?



Tolerance Definition

“To recognize and respect others’ beliefs and practices, while disagreeing with them.”



Tolerance Definition

“To recognize and respect others’ beliefs and practices, while disagreeing with them.”



Greg Koukl

Christian Apologist

“True tolerance applies to how we treat people we disagree with, not how we treat ideas we disagree with.

All people have equal value.
All points of view do not.”



D. James Kennedy (1930-2007)

“Tolerance is the last virtue of a depraved society. When you have an immoral society that has blatantly, proudly, violated all of the commandments of God, there is one, last virtue they insist upon: tolerance for their immorality.”



Charles J. Chaput

Archbishop

“Evil preaches tolerance until it is dominant, then it tries to silence good.”



William MacDonald

Christian Author

“Tolerance can be a virtue, but it can also betray an inexcusable weakness of character. We admire the person who tolerates differences where no great issue is at stake. He allows for a variety of preferences, methods and unimportant viewpoints.”



William MacDonald

Christian Author

But there is another tolerance that is despicable. This is the willingness to remain silent when God's name is blasphemed or when Christ is dishonored. It is the treachery of silence when truth is on the scaffold. It is the unwillingness to speak out against evil. Tolerance that condones deceit and unrighteousness is sin."



Jude 3

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.



Martin Luther

(1483-1546)

“My conscience is captive to the word of God! To go against conscience is neither right nor safe.

I therefore cannot, and I will not recant! Here I stand. I can do no other.”

