

What's the Verdict?



One of the things Jesus taught His disciples in His Sermon on the Mount was that they were not to judge others. What did He mean by those words? Should we never express an opinion about others, or allow anything to be said or done just for the sake of "unity"? No, that isn't what Jesus meant. Let's look a little deeper into Jesus' message.

1. "Judge not" means "condemn not." So, what does condemn mean?

2. Does "judge not" mean that you are to ignore the faults in others? Why?

3. God's Word gives us the steps that a Christian should follow if he sees another person doing wrong. Draw a line from the following parts of Scripture (Galatians 6:1-2) to the words in the next column which best describe them.

<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
<i>Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.</i>	help that person Truly love and care for one another, being careful not to be tempted to do wrong yourself. you who are doing what the Lord requires of you, and you will be obeying Jesus' command. in an attitude of humility and with mercy; Brothers, if you see someone doing something wrong,

4. Two of the words used above are *humility* and *mercy*. What are the meanings of those words and why are they important for you to remember when you are going to help another?

Humility: _____

Mercy: _____

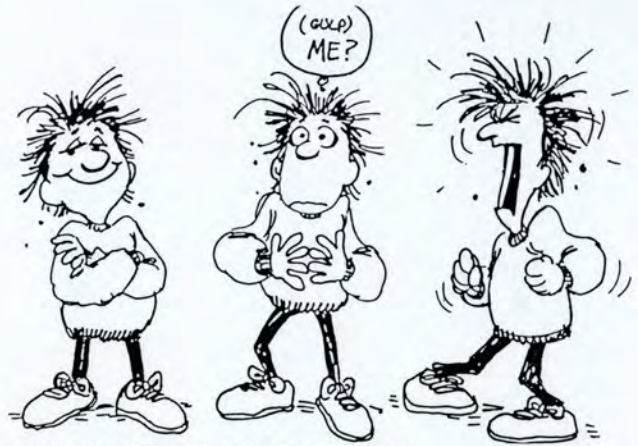
5. There are those who will say we need to be more "tolerant" when what they really want you to do is to "compromise." Let's look at those two words: *Tolerant* means "to have a fair and permissive attitude toward those whose opinions and beliefs differ from your own." *Compromise* means "an adjustment or changing of your beliefs."

Why is it right to be tolerant? _____

Why is it wrong to compromise? _____

Ask God to help you to be tolerant with others and to not judge them. At the same time, ask Him to help you to not compromise your beliefs and to be ready to help those who need your help.

TO JUDGE OR NOT TO JUDGE? THE CHOICE IS OURS!



1. WE ARE TOLD IN MATTHEW 7:1-5 THAT WE SHOULD NOT **JUDGE** OTHERS.

WHAT DOES **JUDGE** MEAN?



LET'S **ENLARGE** ON IT!

JUDGE: TO FORM AN OPINION ABOUT; TO CRITICIZE;
TO THINK OR SUPPOSE



2. A "MOTE" MENTIONED IN VERSE 3 MEANS "A SPECK," LIKE DUST. WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS MEANT WHEN HE SAID TO CAST THE **BEAM** OUT OF OUR OWN EYE?

3. VERSE 20 OF MATTHEW 7 SAYS WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUITS.



DO YOU THINK IF WE DO WRONG PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO JUDGE US?

_____ WHY OR WHY NOT? _____



4. ROMANS 2:1 SAYS WE ARE "INEXCUSABLE" IF WE JUDGE OTHERS AND DO THE SAME THINGS OURSELVES.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP FROM GETTING CAUGHT IN SATAN'S WEB OF JUDGING OTHERS?

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