

“Judge Not, That Ye Be Not Judged. *For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?”* **Matthew 7:1-3 KJV**



This command refers to rash, censorious, and unjust judgment in the sense of “condemning.” Christ does not condemn judging as a magistrate, for that is lawful and necessary. Nor does He condemn our “forming an opinion” of the conduct of others, for it is impossible “not” to form opinions. What He refers to is forming a judgment hastily, harshly, and without an allowance for circumstance, and “expressing” such an opinion harshly and unnecessarily. Every time you form an opinion, you decide in your own mind the right and wrong of something. Most of our judging is based on personal preference rather than good or evil, so we must be careful to let our thoughts be measured by the absolutes of God’s Word lest we find ourselves condemned on Judgement Day. When you judge, be prepared to be measured by the same measure you apply to others. Christ gave this Command in light of the conduct of the Pharisees who condemned others of what they themselves were guilty. We can say with surety what is evil if God’s Word judges it so by Command; for then our judgment is simply an agreement with the Truth! That is why they hated Christ; because He lived a sinless Life and His very Perfection condemned them. As a matter of fact, they finally had to falsely accuse Him to crucify Him. Be prepared to be railed upon and scorned if you try to live Godly. *“Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”* Jesus said, *“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the Word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My Saying, they will keep yours also.”* Satan is a liar and an accuser of the saints, so do not be surprised when his children act the same towards the children of God! When they accuse you of being judgmental, it is to excuse themselves of deeds and words worthy of the Condemnation of God! It is best to let your life condemn evil by obedience to God’s Word just as Christ our Example did. Even the wicked Pilate by his own admission could *“find no fault”* in Him! If others accuse you of fault, determine it true or false by the true measure of all sin; God’s Word and then act accordingly.

God’s Word will Judge us great and small,
His Truth determines rise or fall,
If you would not stand thus condemned,
By Grace through faith condemn your sin. –CGP

You may judge sin as evil without fear of Final Judgment for God Who cannot lie has declared it so! Man can take your mortal life, but cannot touch your Eternal Life in Christ! If God has declared you Righteous in Christ by virtue of faith in Him, then you are immortally untouchable by the wickedness of men’s words or deeds!

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's Elect? It is God that Justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the Right Hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us.” Romans 8:31-34 KJV