**Series: The Maturity Series**

**Title: Who Are You To Judge?**

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**“Don’t speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters.** **If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God’s law.** But your **job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.** God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?”

https://bible.com/bible/116/jas.4.11-12.NLT

What does the scriptures teach about judging others? To judge or not to be judged?

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Judging**

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1. **Why do we judge others?**
2. **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“But do you think this, O man, **when you judge and condemn those who practice such things, and yet do the same yourself**, that you will escape God’s judgment and elude His verdict?”

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/rom.2.3.AMP>

1. **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“Gossip is so tasty! How we love to swallow it!”

<https://bible.com/bible/68/pro.26.22.GNT>

1. **Why we should not judge others?**
2. **It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. **Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law** and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.”

https://james.bible/james-4-11

1. **It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, **“Love your neighbor as yourself,”** you are doing right.”

<https://james.bible/james-2-8>

1. **It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—**who are you to judge your neighbor?”**

<https://james.bible/james-4-12>

1. **What do other scriptures teach about judging?**

“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass **judgment** on someone else, for at whatever point you **judge** another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass **judgment** do the same things. Now we know that God’s **judgment** against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass **judgment** on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s **judgment**? ”Romans‬

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. ”Matthew‬

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.7.3-5.NIV>

“**Do not judge by appearance** [superficially and arrogantly], but judge fairly and righteously.””

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jhn.7.24.AMP>

““**Does our Law convict someone without first giving him a hearing and finding out what he is [accused of] doing?””**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jhn.7.51.AMP>

“Therefore **let no one judge you in regard to food and drink or in regard to [the observance of] a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day.”**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/col.2.16.AMP>

“Believers, do not speak against or slander one another. **He who speaks [self-righteously] against a brother or judges his brother [hypocritically], speaks against the Law and judges the Law.** If you judge the Law, you are not a doer of the Law but a judge of it.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jas.4.11.AMP>

“**So do not go on passing judgment before the appointed time, but wait until the Lord comes, for He will both bring to light the [secret] things that are hidden in darkness and disclose the motives of the hearts.** Then each one’s praise will come from God.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1co.4.5.AMP>

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of breaking the habit of judging**
2. **Remember ­­­­­that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

““ **Do not judge and criticize and condemn [others unfairly with an attitude of self-righteous superiority as though assuming the office of a judge], so that you will not be judged [unfairly].** For just as you [hypocritically] judge others [when you are sinful and unrepentant], so will you be judged; and in accordance with your standard of measure [used to pass out judgment], judgment will be measured to you.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.7.1-2.AMP>

1. **Remember that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“**So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God**. Then let us not criticize one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block or a source of temptation in another believer’s way.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/rom.14.12-13.AMP>

1. **Remember how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“**For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy;** but [to the one who has shown mercy] mercy triumphs [victoriously] over judgment.”

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jas.2.13.AMP>

**The Answer Key:**

1. **The Prohibition of Judging**
2. **Why do we judge others?**
3. **To Excuse our Faults**
4. **To Appeal to our Pride**
5. **Why we should not judge others?**
6. **It’s Unchristian**
7. **It’s Unloving**
8. **It’s Unjustified**
9. **What do other scriptures teach about judging?**
10. **The Practice of breaking the habit of judging**
11. **Remember that we will be judged by the same standards we use when judging others**
12. **Remember that we all will have to give an account to God**
13. **Remember how much God has been merciful to you**