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Jesus, Paul, and the other New Testament greats realized the truth of righteous judging. Remember, Matthew 7:1-5, addressed earlier? Although forbidding one type of judgment (improper judging), it in turn commands another type (proper judging). Verse five commands the hypocrite to repent and then, seeing clearly, to “cast out the mote out of thy [his] brother’s eye.” Furthermore, the second half of John 7:24 reads, “but judge righteous judgment.” This is not an option, but a command, just like the first half of the verse! Righteousness is based on God’s Word (Psa. 119:172). Therefore, to judge based on the truth in God’s Word is righteous and good! When Paul condemned the Jews of Romans chapter two for their hypocrisy, he was properly judging such hypocrisy based on God’s Word. When writing to the Corinthians, regarding a man’s sin, he declared, “For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed” (1 Cor. 5:3). Thus, Paul took credible evidence and **judged** the current situation based on the **truth** of God’s infallible Word!

Jesus and Paul condemned improper judgment while equally upholding and engaging in proper judgment! May all Christians do likewise!



PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Mark 16:16)
- Repent (Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Matthew 10:32)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)

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 Announcements, Two Songs, Prayer, Song,
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 Three Songs, Prayer, Song, Sermon, Invitation
 Song, Giving, Lord’s Supper, Song, Prayer
- Wednesday Night Bible Study
 Three Songs, Prayer, Song, [Class,] Invitation,
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- Sunday First
 Worship Service:
 9:00 AM
- Sunday Morning
 Bible Study:
 10:15 AM
- Sunday Second
 Worship Service:
 11:00 AM
- Wednesday Evening
 Bible Study:
 7:00 PM



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“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrophes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not (III John 9).”

“JUDGING: WHO MADE YOU THE JUDGE?”

BY: JASON ROLLO

The concept of judging, is perhaps one of the most misunderstood subjects in the world. This truth is clearly seen in the question often heard, “Who made you the judge?” This question specifically, and more importantly the whole concept of judging, needs to be addressed. In this brief article, we will be discussing the concept of proper and improper judging. The problem often lies in the fact that many do not realize (or care to realize) that there is a proper judgment and an improper judgment. In other words, there is wrong judging and there is right judging. There are judgments that individuals must make and there are judgments that they must not make.

The Concept of Judging

Anytime a person asks: “Who made you the judge?” they are really saying, “You have **no** right to judge me.” If they are referring to such things as color of skin, height, weight, etc.—such a question or statement would be justified (see the next section for more detail). However, if an individual means that no one has a right to point out wrongdoing, sin, etc., then this individual is seriously wrong. For instance, to appeal to the, “You can’t judge me, no one’s perfect,” argument in order to avoid correction of sin in one’s life is self-contradictory. When a person implies that no one has a right to judge are they not in essence doing that which they forbid, namely, “judging?” Certainly so! Hence, the attitude of, “I’m all right, you’re all right, let’s don’t judge anybody,” is self-defacing. It is hypocritical to the core!

Improper Judging

The Bible does speak of (and condemn) certain types of judging. Perhaps the most famous passage on this topic is Matthew 7:1. In this text, Jesus says, “Judge not, that ye be not judged.” Verses 2-5 clearly shows that for one to judge hypocritically is sinful. Paul used similar logic when condemning the Jews for their hypocrisy. He wrote, “Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?” (Rom. 2:1-3). Both Jesus and Paul condemned hypocritical judging! Likewise, Jesus showed the sinfulness of judging based on appearance. In John 7:24, Christ declared, “Judge not according to the appearance.” James 2:1-13 and 4:11-12, likewise forbid judging based on appearance or judging without the facts. It is shameful when anyone, especially Christians, judge others based on facial or body features, skin color, monetary worth, social status, etc. Improper judging (whether it be hypocritical judging, judging by appearance, or judging without the facts) is serious sin!

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BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

The Books of Matthew & Judges

These are the topics in our Adult Classes: The Books of Matthew and the Judges. One study comes from the New Testament and one from the Old Testament! Come, and be in class!

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Answer to the “Activity” Question
from the Last Week’s
“Bible School Corner”
The Tongue (James 3:1-12)

NEWS

- May we worship God in spirit and in truth!
- Sympathy is extended to the family of Dakota Nunley. He passed away last Wednesday, December 2. Please pray for comfort for his family.
- We are thankful for the good lesson presented on “Islam” by guest speaker, brother Ray Tenpenny last Sunday in our Second Worship Service.
- The monthly men’s business meeting will be held today at 10:45 if the Lord permits. All faithful Christian men of the congregation are asked to attend.
- The men of the congregation who are willing are asked to plan to lead some songs in the Second Worship Service, which is our monthly “Gospel Singing.”
- Visit the church website at www.campaignchurchofchrist.org where you will find the bulletin, Bible articles, and information about the congregation.
- This week’s suggested pantry item is tuna.

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Proper Judging

Although one can judge improperly, one can (and must) judge properly. This judgment is based on God’s Word. Christians **can know truth** and they **can** decipher error from it (John 8:32)! The statement, “I am not the judge, but I can, will, and must, tell you what the judge said about the sin in your life,” is a great statement of truth regarding this idea of proper judging. *(Note: Continued on Page 4)*