

LIGHT IT UP!

Responding to: "You're Judging People"

Various Scriptures

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Bottom Line:

The Bible calls believers to make discerning judgments regarding doctrinal and moral issues. Believers are, however, called to reject unloving condemnation of others who believe or live differently than we do!

Objection: "You're judging people, and doesn't the Bible say you shouldn't judge?"

1. Believers are commanded to use _____ judgment! Matthew 7:6,11-15; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

A. _____ stands

B. Moral decisions

C. _____ choices

2. Believers are commanded to reject _____ judgment. Matthew 7:1; Romans 2:1; James 4:11-12

Condemning Judgment:

Critical, unloving, self-righteous judgment that categorizes another person as someone beyond the grace and life-changing power of God.

Discerning, Redemptive Judgment:

Humble, loving, yet firm evaluation of false doctrine or wrong actions with the goal of correction and/or restoration.

A. We are called to _____ for the truth.
Ephesians 6:13-14

B. We are called to communicate that truth in _____.
Ephesians 4:15

3. We must live out God's truth with _____ and _____.
Deuteronomy 31:6; Matthew 10:16; Romans 8:31-39; Philippians 1:27

Condemned?	Condemning?
Hope	No one beyond God's grace
Forgiveness	No sin too big to forgive
Acceptance	No one that the church is unwilling to help
Love	Overflowing love is the context for truth
Restoration	Transformation

Conclusion: