

Christians Have the Right, and the Obligation to Judge not only each other, but also the World

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Simple, precise, and final.

If you hear someone say to you, “Judge Not”, this should be your reply...

1 Corinthians 6:1-5 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

It doesn't get any simpler than this...

We are commanded to judge with RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT (John 7:24)

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

First, ourselves; so that we are not hypocrites.

Matthew 7:1-5 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 behold thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Second, A tree is known by its fruit.

Matthew 7:16-20 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Stop using this verse as an excuse to overlook and dismiss sin.

Be as the Apostle Paul has said to be.

If we don't start doing this, whether in church or on the Facebook or any other place where we are with other Christians, then we are effectively allowing sin to go unchecked.

Do it lovingly. For if you truly love your Christian brother or sister, how can you bear to see them go on in ignorance to the truth?

We should not expect the Lord to deliver us from this nation of evil, if we cannot do what He commands to do.

In Jesus Christ's Name,

Amen