

- Introduction:**
1. Tolerance is the watchword for our day...
 2. Christ is not absolutely prohibiting judging... *Matthew 7:6, 15, 16*
 3. Christ is in fact calling for righteous judgment...

I. The Imperative to Exercise Righteous Judgment...

A. There is a clear Biblical warrant...

1. *John 7:24*
2. *I Corinthians 5:3, 9-13*
3. *Luke 12:57*
4. *Matthew 23:23 with Luke 11:23*
5. *Philippians 1:8ff*
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Lesson: Christian's are to love and love is to be judicious...

7. *I Corinthians 10:15*

B. Things we should "not" judge...

1. Whether or not a person is elect... *II Timothy 2:19*
2. Secret motives of others...
3. Things that are indifferent... *Romans 14:13*

C. Things we should judge...

1. The practices and or teachings of others... *Matthew 7:15; I John 4:1; 2 John 7:10*
2. We must judge sin... *I Corinthians 5:1ff; cf. Matthew 5:13ff*
 - a. The standard is God's Law; *John 7:24*
 - b. Be separate... *I Corinthians 5:13*
3. We must judge our own sins...

Lesson:

II. The Signs of Unrighteous Judgment...

Note: The following nine examples are taken from an article entitled "Judge Not" by Edward Donnelly appearing in Evangelical Times, February 2004

Our Judging is not righteous when:

- A. It is habitual...** *Matthew 7:1 literally says "Don't make a practice of judging..."*
- B. It is unnecessary...** *I Thessalonians 4:11*
- C. It is based on incomplete knowledge...** *Deuteronomy 1:16; John 7:51; Proverbs 18:13*
- D. It is presumptuous...**
- E. It is merciless...**
- F. It is joyful...** *I Corinthians 13:6; Romans 1:32*
- G. It is trivial...** *Colossians 2:16*
- H. It is inconsistent...** *II Samuel 12:5-7 cf. Romans 2:1-5*
- I. It is destructive...** *Matthew 5:22; Psalm 50:6*

III. The Lessons of Judgment Illustrated...

- A. Unrighteous judgment is self-destructive...**
- B. Unrighteous judgment is a denial of mercy...**
- C. Righteous judgment requires humility...**
- D. Be aware of the real danger of hypocrisy...**

Application: