

Sunday Morning, June 28, 2020
Judge Not, Until When?
Luke 6:37–42 (Matt. 7:1–5)

- I. What Does 'Do No Not Judge' *Not* Mean?
- A. Not Mean Moral Indifference

 - B. Not Mean No Discernment
Lk. 6:43–45; Matt. 7:15; Jn. 7:24; 1 Cor. 5:11, 12
- II. What Does 'Do No Not Judge' Mean?
- A. It Is Wrong to Judge with Legalism, Human Rules Beyond Scripture
Rom. 14:3–4; Lk. 6:39–40; Jas. 4:11

 - B. It Is Wrong to Judge with Ignorance, Without All the Facts
Prov. 18:13; Prov. 13:10; Prov. 18:17

 - C. It Is Wrong to Judge with Hypocrisy, Without Prior Self-evaluation
 - 1. Christ Calls Us to Self-evaluation *Before* Judging Others
 - a. The Greater Unworthiness Is Mine Against God, Not Others Against Me

 - b. The First Examination Is to Be Mine of Me, Not Mine of Others Lk. 6:42

 - 2. Christ Calls Us to Self-evaluation *in Order to* Judge Others Lk. 6:42

 - D. It Is Wrong to Judge Without Mercy
 - 1. When 'Judge' You must *Remember* God's Mercy to You— Vertical

 - 2. When 'Judge' must *Display* God's Mercy to Others— Horizontal

 - 3. When 'Judge' Without Mercy You Will Not Receive Mercy Lk. 6:38
 - a. If You Do Not Display Grace, Others Will Condemn You Without Grace Lk. 6:37–38

 - b. If You Do Not Display Grace, *God* Will Condemn You Without Grace Lk. 6:37c

Quotes

"The current popular notion that judging others in itself is a sin leads to such inappropriate maxims as, 'I'm okay and you're okay.' It encourages a conspiracy of moral indifference which says 'If you never tell me that anything I'm doing is wrong—I'll never tell you that anything you do is wrong.'"

Elisabeth Elliot

The younger Christians "are the common proud censurers of their brethren much wiser than themselves, of men that are more moderate and peaceable than themselves, more concerned for unity, more adverse to sects and separations than they. Study harder, and wait till you grow up to the experience of the aged and you will be less censorious and more peaceable."

Richard Baxter

"It is just as wrong to declare holy what God never said was holy, as to declare sinful what God never said was sinful."

Thomas Manton

"Strong feelings about the sins of others that are not matched by a ruthless dealing with our own sins are hypocrisy. And further outbursts of anger can be the expressions of a heart that does not know how to say, 'there but for the grace of God, go I'."

Sinclair Ferguson

"He that is vile in his own eyes is least inclined to vilify others."

Richard Baxter

We are "to mention men's virtues oftener than to mention their vices."

Richard Baxter

"The heart that has tasted the grace and forgiveness of God will always be restrained in its judgments of others."

Sinclair Ferguson

"The consideration of what is amiss in ourselves, though it ought not to keep us from administering friendly reproof, ought to keep us from magisterial censuring, and to make us very candid and charitable in judging others. Therefore restore with the spirit of meekness considering thyself, Gal. 6:1; what thou hast been, what thou art, and what thou wouldst be, if God should leave thee to thyself."

Matthew Henry

"Remember the tenderness of Christ, who condemns not the weak, nor casts infants out of his family, nor the sick out of his hospital; but deals with them in such a gracious gentleness, as becomes a tender-hearted Savior: he will not break the bruised reed: he carries the lambs in his arms, and gently drives those with young! He takes up the wounded man, when the priest and Levite pass him by. And have you no need of the tenderness of Christ yourselves as well as others? Are you not afraid lest he should find greater faults with you than you find in others; and condemn you as you condemn them?"

Richard Baxter

"Criticism in a true sense is never merely destructive; it is constructive, it is appreciation. There is all the difference in the world between exercising criticism and being hypercritical. The man who is guilty of judging in the sense in which our Lord uses the term is the man who is hypercritical, which means that he delights in criticism for its own sake, and enjoys it. I am afraid I must go further and say that he is a man who approaches anything which he is asked to criticize expecting to find faults, indeed almost hoping to find them."

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

"Do we habitually express our opinions without a knowledge of all the facts? We have no right to pronounce any judgment without being aware of these facts, without going to the trouble of becoming acquainted with them We should search for all the facts and then judge. To do otherwise is to be guilty of this pharisaical spirit."

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones