TO JUDGE OR NOT TO JUDGE??

James 4:11-12

I. Do Not <u>Slander</u> One Another, Brethren – vs. 11a

Katalaleo- to slander, to calumniate, to speak evil against.

Ephesians 4:30

Are you characterized by slander, gossip, or evil speaking?

II. Do Not <u>Judge</u> Your Brother – vs. 11b

Matthew 7:1

Krino – to judge, to pick out, to choose.

How do we reconcile.....?

Matthew 18:15-17

Matthew 7:3-6

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

If we are to judge those <u>inside</u> the church, on what should we base our judgments? GOD'S TRUTH – <u>SCRIPTURE</u>.

III. God is the Only Lawgiver and Judge – vs. 12

Matthew 10:28

Isaiah 33:22

Building Block: We MUST stop slandering our fellow Christ followers. We MUST remember that there is only One Judge unto salvation, and it is not us. We MUST judge the behavior of those who call themselves "believers", and hold them accountable to following God's Truth, not our opinions.