

I. JUDGING

Luke 6:37 - 38

³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. ³⁸**“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”**

What it means to judge

Mt 7:1- “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

Lk 6:37–38 - ³⁷ Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

Mt 7:2 - For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

- The word “judge” [krinō] can mean “to analyze” or “evaluate” or even “to condemn.” Christians are expected to analyze and evaluate people and their behaviors. At the same time we have no right to condemn others.
- This is God’s prerogative alone (Rom 14:4, 10; 1 Cor 4:4–5). Luke (6:37) clearly shows that the nature of this judging is condemnation, not evaluation.

MATTHEW 7:16 - 20 (NASB) ¹⁶YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. GRAPES ARE NOT GATHERED FROM THORN BUSHES NOR FIGS FROM THISTLES, ARE THEY?

¹⁷SO EVERY GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT, BUT THE BAD TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT.

¹⁸A GOOD TREE CANNOT PRODUCE BAD FRUIT, NOR CAN A BAD TREE PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT.

¹⁹EVERY TREE THAT DOES NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE.

²⁰SO THEN, YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS.

1 JOHN 4:1 (NASB) BELOVED, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD, BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.

Simply put, we do not have either the ability or the authority to make pronouncements about someone’s standing with God. A Christian simply cannot avoid the responsibility of being a moral voice in this world.

- *This does not alleviate our responsibility to confront erring brothers and sisters (Gal 6:1). When we do confront them, though, several principles must underlie our encounter.*

1. We should strive for moral purity ourselves, especially in the area in which we confront a fellow believer.

*2. We should show a deep sense of appreciation for God’s “kindness, tolerance and patience” (Rom 2:4) which led us to repentance. **4OR DO YOU THINK LIGHTLY OF THE RICHES OF HIS KINDNESS AND TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE, NOT KNOWING THAT THE KINDNESS OF GOD LEADS YOU TO REPENTANCE?***

3. We should not pretend to be something we are not. Don’t be a hypocrite. Confrontation must be tempered with humility. Our goal is reconciliation.

II. GIVING

LUKE 6:38 - "GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. THEY WILL POUR INTO YOUR LAP A GOOD MEASURE—PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER. FOR BY YOUR STANDARD OF MEASURE IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU IN RETURN."

Malachi 3:8 - 10 (NLT) ⁸"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!

"But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?'

"You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.

⁹You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me.

¹⁰Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

Psalms 37:21 The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.

2 Corinthians 9:6 - 8 ⁶Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

1 Chronicles 29:13 – 15 ¹³"O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! ¹⁴But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! ¹⁵We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.

III. ACTING

LUKE 6:46 - 49 (NASB)

⁴⁶"WHY DO YOU CALL ME, 'LORD, LORD,' AND DO NOT DO WHAT I SAY?

⁴⁷"EVERYONE WHO COMES TO ME AND HEARS MY WORDS AND ACTS ON THEM, I WILL SHOW YOU WHOM HE IS LIKE:

⁴⁸HE IS LIKE A MAN BUILDING A HOUSE, WHO DUG DEEP AND LAID A FOUNDATION ON THE ROCK; AND WHEN A FLOOD OCCURRED, THE TORRENT BURST AGAINST THAT HOUSE AND COULD NOT SHAKE IT, BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN WELL BUILT.

⁴⁹"BUT THE ONE WHO HAS HEARD AND HAS NOT ACTED ACCORDINGLY, IS LIKE A MAN WHO BUILT A HOUSE ON THE GROUND WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION; AND THE TORRENT BURST AGAINST IT AND IMMEDIATELY IT COLLAPSED, AND THE RUIN OF THAT HOUSE WAS GREAT."

Matthew 7:21 - 23 (KJV) ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NASB) ⁹*that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

Monday Morning Moment: "Let's be hearers and doers"

James 1:22 ²²But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.