

Judging

1. What does the word *judge* mean? (1 Kings 3:9; Luke 7:41-43)
2. Does judging include sentencing? (Luke 12:58; Romans 5:16; C.f., John 16:7-11, 1 Peter 5:8, and Revelation 20:10)
3. Is judging always wrong? (Acts 17:31; Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 6:1-6)
4. What is necessary to have in order to judge? (Numbers 35:24; John 18:31; Acts 24:6; James 2:12)
5. What standard must be used in judging? (Psalm 35:24; 98:9; Isaiah 11:3-4; Ezekiel 44:24; John 12:48; Acts 4:19)
6. What standard must not be used in judging? (John 7:24; 8:15; 1 Corinthians 10:29)
7. What are the two possible results of judging? (Deuteronomy 25:1; 1 Kings 8:32; Psalm 75:7; Ecclesiastes 12:14; 1 Peter 2:14)
8. What is the purpose of judging? (Exodus 18:16; Isaiah 26:9)
9. What are we able to judge? (Ezekiel 18:30; 24:14; Matthew 7:15-20; 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 20:12-13)
10. What are we unable to judge? (1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 16:2; Jeremiah 11:20; Hebrews 4:12)
11. What specific areas are we told not judge? (Romans 14:3-4, 13; Colossians 2:16)
12. What is the responsibility of the one judging? (Deuteronomy 19:18)
13. What must be true before you judge someone else? (Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 2:1; 14:22)
14. What should we spend most of our time judging? (1 Corinthians 4:4; 11:31)
15. How should we judge? (John 5:30; 7:24)

16. Why should we be careful in how we judge others? (Matthew 7:2; Luke 6:37-38)
17. Who is to be present when judging occurs? (Ezekiel 20:35)
18. Are we supposed to judge unbelievers? (1 Corinthians 5:12-13)
19. Please explain the following passages based upon context
 - a. Matthew 7:1
 - b. Romans 14:13
20. Is it possible to express concern without judging? (2 Corinthians 11:29; Galatians 4:11, 16)
21. What should you do if someone is doing something that doesn't directly violate God's righteous standard and yet it appears he may be headed in that direction?
22. What should you do in the following situations? (Remember ... judge not lest you be judged! ☺)
 - a. You have a cousin who tells you he is going to move in with his girlfriend. However, he still plans on getting married in 6 months. He tells you that they are not having sexual relations and that they will not have sexual relations until after they are married. Your cousin tells you to not judge him because he isn't doing anything that the Bible forbids. In fact, he gives you 1 Kings 1:1-4 and Ruth 3 to support his case. Your cousin is a Christian.
 - b. You have a single (i.e., he is not married) friend at church that is a Christian. He works with an unsaved single mother with whom he has become good friends. They decide to start commuting to work since it is such a long drive. She suggests they meet at her other place of work (since she must work two jobs to pay for child-care). It turns out that her second job is an exotic dancer. Your friend agrees to meet her at the exotic bar so as to commute. They alternate driving, so there are days when his car is in the parking lot most of the day. Other Christians have noticed, and have made comment to you. You go to talk with your friend and he becomes indignant. He says he is doing nothing wrong. He says that those who have a problem with it are just like those described in 1 Timothy 4:2-5. Since she is unsaved, your friend says that he can't judge her based upon 1 Corinthians 5:12-13. He feels that he is doing 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, in trying to reach out to this woman so as to bring her to Christ.
23. Who cares? What difference does all this make in the way you live your life?