

IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO JUDGE

A. YOUR NOT CALLED OR QUALIFIED TO JUDGE (:1-5)

1. (:1a) ≠ Check Brain At Door

- a. (Rom. 16:17) *...I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*
- b. (Gal. 1:8) *...even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!*

2. Obviously There's A Need To Judge For Identification, But Not Condemnation

- a. Judge (*krino*) = condemn / separate (saved/unsaved)
- b. How do I know if I'm condemning someone? - (cf. dirty feet)

3. (:2) We'll All Be Judged By Our Own Standards-measured With Our Own Yardstick

- a. By God? No. All my sins have been dealt with at the cross
- b. Then who? by others • If all I do is go around pointing out who has specks of sawdust in their eye & who has dirty feet, then people are going to do the same to me
- c. (Judges 1:1-7) if you're gonna chop people up, watch out (:2)

4. (:3-5) The Speck And The Plank Are Made Of The Same Material - Wood/sin

- a. It's easy for me to recognize your sin, when it's the same sin that's in my eye/life
- b. What bugs me about you is probably what bugs me about me
- c. 1 finger pointing at you = 3 fingers pointing back at me

5. Cf. David And Nathan - Angry At Own Sin

- a. Jesus isn't saying that we should never help someone with a splinter in their eye
- b. (Ps. 51:10, 13) *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me... Then I will teach transgressors your ways...*

B. DISCERNMENT, NOT JUDGEMENT, IS WHAT'S NEEDED (:6)

1. Let's Try To Hear This The Way These People Would Have Heard It

- a. dogs & pigs = gentiles/unbelievers
- b. what is sacred / pearls = (Psalm 119) the "Wonderful things" of God

2. "But If I Don't Judge Anyone, How Can I Tell Who's An Unbeliever?"

- a. Remember: OK to judge for identification, not for condemnation

3. Don't Waste Your Time Talking About The Deep Things Of God With Unbelievers

- a. Is this person genuinely hungry to know God, or do they just wanna argue
- c. When talking about the Lord to unbelievers, stick to the basics
 - 1) (1Corinthians 2:14) *The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

4. How Can We Know When We're Wasting Our Time, Throwing Pearls To Pigs?