

Judge Not – Ask and It...

Matthew 7:1-14

Okay! Welcome back and here we go! Today we talk about judging, or hopefully our ability to know what to judge when we judge and what to NOT judge. Ya-know 😊

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- 1) Verse 5: When do you judge that you shouldn't share God's Word?

Why start here? Because ultimately all these verses go together. They are pointing out the need of knowledge of God's Word. Sharing God's Word should always be paramount and should not be shaded by our prejudices. Also, my judgment of your sins... needs God's wisdom.

Matthew 7:1-5

- 2) What is your understanding?

Usually, I do the whole lesson on these five verses. Today this part is on speed-dial. But we know none of us want to be called out on our sins. It is a sensitive subject, like the eye is sensitive.

Romans 2:1-4

- 3) How do we despise His goodness?

Ultimately, if we have God's knowledge, we understand grace / forgiveness / our need to not be judged.

In most of Paul's prayers, he prays we have like minds and knowledge of God's Word and power.

Philippians 1:9, Ephesians 1:15-19, Ephesians 3:14-21

- 4) What does it mean "*above all that we ask or think*"?

Okay, back to Jesus.

Matthew 7:7-14

5) What are these gifts He so freely gives?

If you are in the Word you will know when and what to judge.

James 1:2-8

Okay, studying Jesus' teaching alongside Jesus' brother James' teaching, is another wonderful way of understanding Biblical Truth. James says, if you ask God for wisdom, God will give you an answer, but James is also saying, when you know the answer, do it. Do not become antagonistic to God's Word, double-minded, ask and then ignore.

Matthew 7:12-14

6) Why don't people treat us the way we want?

It is usually because of spiritual immaturity, lack of knowledge resident in the soul.

Obviously, the narrow gate is Jesus, but it is also the Word of God, which is Jesus.

Living by the world's standards always leads to destruction. Even Christians put all their hope in people, finances, circumstances, etc.

7) How does living by God's Word lead to life?

There's our lesson:

- Know God's Word
- Live by God's Word