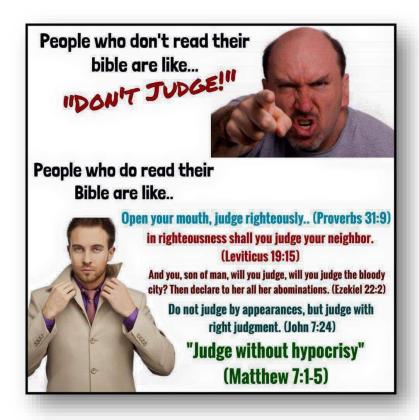
JUDGEMENT: MAY YOU JUDGE?



Many people enjoy sharing and referencing this particular passage from this Scripture:

Mattithyahu/Matthew 7

1 "Do not judge."

It abruptly comes to a halt, with the rest of its context (chapter) left unread. Continue reading to grasp the connotation and significance of the phrase "DO NOT JUDGE" and carefully consider the subsequent use of the word "BECAUSE".

For the way you judge others is the way you will also be judged!

So, you may judge, but you must know that that judgment will also be measured against you!!

Mattithyahu/Matthew 7

2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with the same measure you use, it shall be measured to you.

In simple terms, I cannot criticize or lecture about stealing if I am also engaging in theft.

Whether I am emphasizing the importance of virtue or speaking about desires, it all comes down to what I want for myself.

If I point out or preach about wrong behaviour, it doesn't make sense if I engage in that behaviour myself.

The Scripture, as the Word of the Almighty Father, teaches that it is necessary to judge and rebuke, but only in accordance with the Torah and commandments, acting with justice and righteousness, and not living in an unjust or lawless manner.

Vayiqra/Leviticus 19

15 'Do no unrighteousness in right-ruling. Do not be partial to the poor or favour the face of the great, but rightly rule your neighbour in righteousness.

Mishle/Proverbs 31

9 Open your mouth, **judge fairly**, and **give justice** to the wretched and the needy.

Yehezgel/Ezekiel 22

2 "And now, son of man, **judge**, judge the city of blood! And **you shall show her all her abominations**!

Yochanan/John 7

24 Do not judge by what you see, but judge a righteous judgement.

Mattithyahu/Matthew 7 Without hypocrisy

1 "Do not judge, lest you be judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with the same measure you use, it shall be measured to you. 3 And why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not notice the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how is it that you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the splinter out of your eye,' and see, a plank is in your own eye? 5 **Hypocrite!** First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to remove the splinter out of your brother's eye."

Mattityahu/Matthew 12

36 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Ya'aqov/James 2

12 So **speak** and so do as those who are to be **judged by a Torah of freedom.**

As long as you don't do it yourself either.

Romiyim/Romans 2

1 Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, **everyone who** judges, for in which you judge another you condemn yourself, since you who judge practise the same wrongs.

It is essential to advise others about the incorrect practices, and you can do so confidently if you refrain from engaging in those practices yourself.

Gently advise your brothers and sisters who are behaving improperly:

Tasloniqim Bet/2Thesselonian 3

15 However, do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Correct bad behaviour by identifying and addressing it:

Eph'siyim/Ephesians 5

11 And have no fellowship with the fruitless works of darkness, **but rather convict them**. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of what is done by them in secret. 13 But all matters being convicted are manifested by the light, for whatever is manifested is light.

It is important to speak out against wrongdoing, as long as you are not engaging in it yourself:

Yehezgel/Esekiel 3

18 "When I say to the wrong, 'You shall certainly die,' and you have not warned him, nor spoken to warn the wrong from his wrong way, to save his life, that same wrong man shall die in his crookedness, and his blood I require at your hand. 19 "But if you have warned the wrong and he does not turn from his wrong, nor from his wrong way, he shall die in his crookedness, and you have delivered your being.

Yochanan/John 7

24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Judge fairly, and not just based on what you see.

You might come across a person with a tattoo and recognize that it's wrong, but you are unaware of the circumstances and experiences that have led them to make that choice.

Is it possible that he/she has since converted but cannot afford to remove the tattoo. And they might deeply regret getting it.

So don't judge by what you see!!

Assist someone in need, and your support might help them change their ways for the better. However, it is important to address mistakes with kindness, self-control, and love.

Tehillim/Psalms 141

5 Let the righteous one smite me Or reprove me in loving-commitment – It is oil on my head. Let my head not refuse it. My prayer is still against their evil deeds.

Mishle/Proverbs 9

8 Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you; **Reprove a wise** one, and he loves you. 9 Give instruction to a wise one, and he is wiser still; **Teach a righteous one**, and he increases in learning.

Galatiyim/Galatians 6

1 Brothers, if a man is overtaken in some trespass, you the spiritual ones, **set such a one straight in a spirit of meekness, looking at yourself lest you be tried too**. 2
Bear one another's burdens, and so complete the Torah of Messiah.

Ya'aqov/James 5

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the straying of his way shall save a life from death and cover a great number of sins.

Give direction in love and without hostility. No desire to argue.

Titos/Titus 3

2 not to slander anyone, not to be quarrelsome, to be gentle, showing all meekness to all men.

And by doing this, the truth may become a little painful.

Mishle/Proverbs 27

5 Open reproof is better than hidden love. 6 **The wounds of** a loved one are true, But the kisses of an enemy are profuse.

Ib'rim/Hebrew 4

12 For the Word of Elohim is living, and working, and sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Know who you are and that you are set apart, destined to judge alongside the Messiah.

Qoritiyim Aleph/1Corinthians 6

1 Should any of you, holding a matter against another, go to be judged before the unrighteous, and not before the setapart ones? 2 **Do you not know that the set-apart ones** shall judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge messengers? How much more, matters of this life?

Therefore, even if they accuse you of judging, preach the Word as it is written:

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Timotiyos Bet/2 Timothy 4

2 Proclaim the Word! Be urgent in season, out of season. Convict, warn, appeal, with all patience and teaching.