

## JUDGE NOT

**Genesis 3:5** – *For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*

- “**knowing**” – discriminating, recognizing, acknowledging.

**Matthew 7:1, 2** [NLT] – *“Stop judging others, and you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For others will treat you as you treat them. Whatever measure you use in judging others, it will be used to measure how you are judged. <sup>3</sup> “And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> “**Hypocrite!** First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”*

- “**judge**” – KRINO; to be of opinion; to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong; to pronounce judgment, to subject to censure.
- “**Hypocrite**” – [Root: judge] not someone struggling with sin or one who goes to church and still has problems in their life, but someone who is trying to fix someone else instead of dealing with their own issues.

**Matthew 7:17-20** – *“Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> “Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”*

- Observation is identifying fruit – what they did.
- Judging is assuming you know the motive – the why.

**James 4:11, 12** [NLT] – *“Don’t speak evil against each other, my dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize each other and condemn each other, then you are criticizing and condemning God’s law. But you are not a judge who can decide whether the law is right or wrong. Your job is to obey it. <sup>12</sup> God alone, who made the law, can rightly judge among us. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to condemn your neighbor?”*

- Only God has the right to judge, but He reserves it to later.

**Luke 6:37, 38** – *“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”*

- **When we judge we sow judgment.**

**Hebrews 3:7-11** [GNB] – *So then, as the Holy Spirit says: “If you hear God’s voice today, do not be stubborn, as your ancestors were when they rebelled against God, as they were that day in the desert when they put him to the test. There they put me to the test and tried me, says God, although they had seen what I did for forty years. And so I was angry with those people and said, ‘They*

are always disloyal and refuse to obey my commands.' I was angry and made a solemn promise: 'They will never enter the land where I would have given them rest!'" [We must free ourselves from judging God.]

**Malachi 3:6a** – *For I am the LORD, I do not change;*

**Therefore** – don't judge God; don't judge others.

**I Corinthians 11:31** – *For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.*

- **"Judge ourselves"** – to judge ourselves to be approved.
- **"We would not be judged"** – i.e., condemned. [The expectation of wrath or judgment]

**Numbers 13:30-33** – *Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." <sup>31</sup>But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." <sup>32</sup>And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. <sup>33</sup>"There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."*

**I Samuel 17:10,11** – *And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.*

**I Samuel 17:23-26** – *Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. <sup>24</sup>And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. <sup>25</sup>So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel." <sup>26</sup>Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"*