

*Brothers and sisters, never say bad things about each other. Anytime you speak against fellow believers, or you judge and bad-mouth them, you judge and condemn God's Law! And when you judge God's Law you aren't keeping it yourself! Instead, you set yourself up as the Judge! Remember, God is the only true Lawgiver and Judge! He alone has the authority to save or to destroy. So then, who are you? And what gives you the right to pass judgment on others? James 4:11-12*

### **We judge because of...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_: We want to excuse our own \_\_\_\_\_.

*So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on others, do you think that by pointing your finger at them you will distract God from seeing all your misdoings and keep him from judging you? Romans 2:3 NIV/MSG*

2. \_\_\_\_\_: We want to feel \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

*Job: "You are trying to make yourselves look better than me by using my disgrace as an argument against me."  
Job 19:5 GW*

### **Why shouldn't I judge others?**

1. I don't know all the \_\_\_\_\_.

*It is shameful and stupid to decide before knowing the facts! Proverbs 18:13*

*Jesus: "Stop judging by mere appearances." John 7:24 NIV*

2. I don't know their \_\_\_\_\_.

*No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like except that person himself.  
1 Corinthians 2:11 TLB*

*Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.  
1 Corinthians 4:5 NIV*

3. I will be judged by the \_\_\_\_\_ I use.

*Jesus: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."  
Matthew 7:1-2 NIV*

4. I have \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." Matthew 7:3-6 NIV*

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