



TALK IT OVER

Judge Not

BOTTOM LINE

How do you want to be judged?

CONVERSATION STARTER

Do you speak another language? If so, what is it and why did you learn it? Give everyone a chance to say a word or words they know in another language and why/when they learned them.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointeorg/daily
- [Your Words Matter](#) by Craig Groeschel

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. Matthew 7:1-2 NLT

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 are not 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

“Self-righteous people have God on a silencer. They dumb-down God's righteousness and elevate their own.” – Dwight Mason

“When I judge others, I do not have all the facts. I am looking at how far they need to come instead of how far they have already come.” – Dwight Mason

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When was the last time you know your words were judgmental and hurtful to someone else? What was the trigger? Stress? Fatigue? If judgmentalism arises from a desire to excuse our own failures or a desire to feel superior to others, which do you see most often in yourself or other believers? Why do you think so? We judge others without knowing all the facts or the true motives of another. Our sight and opinions may be very flawed and certainly inadequate. What can help you remember that? What are the things you would like others to consider when they judge you? Why is it easier to be more concerned about another's failings than my own? How does Psalm 139:23-24 help us with victory over judging others? “Love does not size someone up and then walk away.” Discuss how we with humility take care of the logs in our own eyes with the goal of helping them.

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will pray Psalm 139:23-24 regularly. “God, search my heart so I will see what You see, and lead me to true love like Jesus in my words and actions. I will be still, quick to listen, slow to speak.”

My Action Step: _____