

Sermon Notes – 04.16.2023 – Commands of Jesus – Do Not Judge

Matthew 7:1-2 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. 2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. [That should give us pause]

Matthew 7:3-5 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Three Primary New Testament Words – All Translated as the Verb, “Judge”

1. “Krina” - to pronounce Sentence or Condemn [Matthew 7:1]
2. “Anakrina – To Investigate, probe with questions [1 Corinthians 4:3]
3. “Diakrina – Discern, examine [1 Corinthians 11:27-32]

Investigative Judgement

1 Corinthians 4:2-4 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. 3 But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. [part of the work of the Holy Spirit]

1 Corinthians 4:5-7 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. 6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. 7 For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Discerning Ourselves

1 Corinthians 11:27-32 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. **28** But a man must examine himself *, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. **30** For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. **31** But if we judged (discerned) ourselves rightly, we would not be judged (condemned). **32** But when we are judged (sentence pronounced by God), we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

*Dokimazo – discern, examine, test

Galatians 6:1-5 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. **5** For each one will bear his own load.

Reciprocals in the New Testament

- Forgive and You Will Be Forgiven – Matthew 6:14
- Give and It Will Be Given to You – Luke 6:38
- Do Not Judge and You Shall Not Be Judged – Matthew 7:1

Unknown Motives

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God *sees* not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Proverbs 21:2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the

hearts.

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; **24** And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.