

OVERCOMING HEART PROBLEMS

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Lesson 4 - Overcoming Harsh Judgments and Faultfinding

Intro: What do the following scriptures say about judging?

Matt.7:1

James 4:11-12

John 7:24

Luke 12:57

1 Cor.5:12-13

* When you look at all these scriptures, what do we learn about judging?

1) From the following scriptures, what kind of judgments are we allowed?

Ro.13:1-7: Judgments of C courts.

1 Cor.5:1-13, 2 Thess.3:6: Judgments w/in the C on disorderly members.

Matt.7:1-5,15-20, Titus 3:10-11: Judgments (personal) against wrongdoers & E people.

James 5:19-20: Judgments to help those straying from the T.

1 Jo.4:1, Jude 4: Judgments against F T.

2) From some of these same passages we can see how we should not judge:

James 4:11-12: Judgments of impure M.

Matt.7:2-3: Judgments with intent to S and defame someone's character.

** The kind of judgments that are forbidden by the Lord are those that are harsh, hasty, unfunded, critical (w/intent to harm), hypercritical, malicious, slanderous and ill-natured judgment.*

3) What causes these kind of harsh and critical judgments?

John12:5-6 - (Judas) An effort to divert attention from one's own S_____.

Ro.2:1, 2 Cor.10:12- An effort to J_____ one's own sinful life.

Luke 18:-14 - The intent to B_____ yourself up while T_____ the other down.

David & Saul, Haman & Mordecai, Jesus & Religious Leaders, - E_____ & H_____.

4) The Harsh Judge is Worse Than His Victim

- The critic had a B/P/L_____ in his eye and the other had a S_____ in his eye.(Matt.7:5)
- Jesus called this man a H_____! Who had the "greater sin"?

5) Why it is so unfair to judge:

- We never fully know all the C_____ of the matter, much less all the facts.
- It is next to impossible to be totally IMP_____ in our judgments.
- Not everything we C_____ in others is actually a sin. (Hannah;drukenness-Jesus;Blasphemer)
- The right to judge is not ours but _____ . (1 Cor.4:3-5, Ro.14:4)
- We see only the O_____ WARD man, not the I_____ WARD man. (Iceberg)

6) The Remedy for Judging

- Better L_____. (1 Cor.13:7, 1 Pet.4:8)
- Consider your M_____. (Jo.12:4-6)
- Practice the G_____ R_____! (Matt.7:12)
- Self-E_____. (1 Cor.11:28, 2 Cor.13:5)
- Look for the G_____ in others. (1 Tim.1:13 - Paul)
- Consider how much H_____ you inflict on those you judge.
- Put yourselves in the other person's S_____.
- Consider what judging will do to Y_____!