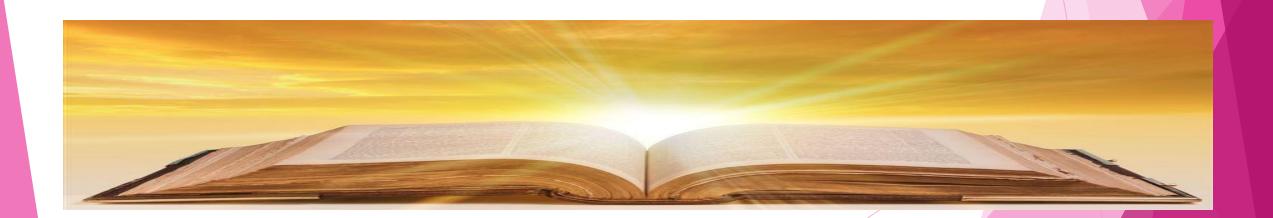


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- ▶ John 8:8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.
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- ▶ John 8:10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"
- ▶ John 8:11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."



1 Corinthians 6:2-3: "Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!"



According to the scripture, only God Almighty have the power to judge the heart of a man righteously.

Our opinions and expectations of people can not stand the test of righteousness. Mathew 7:1-2



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- "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.
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For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.



- The Bible also instructs us to Judge others with righteously judgement using the word of God.
- John 7:24 "Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly."
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- ► Psalm 139:1-4 says:
- ▶O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.



- ▶ Judging with righteous judgment is an exercise that requires practice, prayer, and patience. It is not easy to judge others or ourselves according to God's standards, but it is possible with His help. Knowing that the word of God is the tool of reproof, you can be guided in the right approach that might help you judge with righteous judgment: Let consider the following:
- ► Mathew 7:3
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But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.



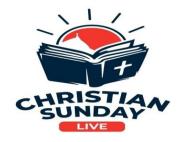
Matthew 7:3. "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?



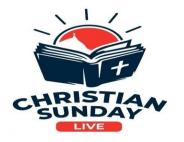
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Proverbs 11: 14 "Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers."



Judge with empathy. One of the best ways to judge righteously is to put ourselves in the shoes of others and try to understand their feelings, thoughts, and motives. John 7:24



- ► Galatians 5: 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- ► Galatians 5: 23 Gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!



- ▶ Mathew 7:16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?
- ► Mathew 7:17 A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.
- ▶ Mathew 7:18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit.
- ► Mathew 7:19 So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.
- ► Mathew 7:20 Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.



- ▶ 1Corrinthians 5:11 I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.
- ► 1Corrinthians 5:12 It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.
- ► 1Corrinthians 5:13 God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."



▶ Therefore, the answer to who can judge another according to the Bible depends on what kind of judgment is being exercised. If it is a judgment of condemnation, then only God can do that, and we should leave it to Him. If it is a judgment of discernment, then we can do that, but only with humility, grace, and wisdom.



- ▶ Romans 14:10 So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
- ▶ Romans 14:11 For the Scriptures say, "'As surely as I live,' says the lord, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.'"
- ▶ Romans 14:12 Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.



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- Psalms 75: (KJV) Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.
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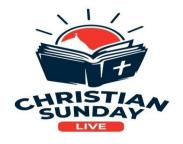
- ► The essential elements to consider when judging others is based on certain spiritual understanding that:
- Leads to humility, compassion, and love,
- □ To focus on our own spiritual growth and transformation.
- □ It fosters peace and harmony among brethren
- □ It opens us to learn from others, appreciate their gifts and perspectives, and celebrate their successes, rather than being critical, envious, or competitive.
- □ To show respect and kindness to everyone, regardless of their beliefs or behaviors.



- Some of the ways to practice not judging others from a spiritual perspective are:
- To examine our own motives and attitudes before we speak or act towards others, and to repent of any self-righteousness, pride, or hypocrisy.
- □ To pray for God's wisdom and discernment to know when to speak the truth in love, and when to remain silent or refrain from giving unsolicited advice.
- □ To seek God's forgiveness and offer forgiveness to others when we have judged them wrongly or harshly, or when they have hurt us or offended us.
- □ To remember God's love and grace for us and for others, and to trust Him to work in their lives according to His perfect will and timing.
- □ I hope this answer has been helpful for you. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to chat with me.



- The Bible has many verses that talk about judging others, and they are not always consistent. Some verses seem to suggest that we should not judge others at all, while others imply that we should judge others with righteous standards. Here are some examples of both types of verses:
- Verses that discourage judging others:
- Matthew 7:1-5: "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.



Luke 6:37-42: "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.



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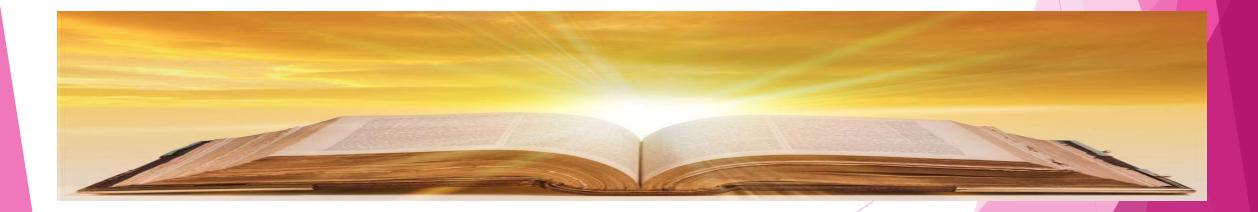
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