

# To judge or not to judge...

## Can a Christian judge another?

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

Mt.7:6 "**Do not give dogs what is sacred**; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

How do you do this without "judging" in today's connotation? Clearly then, something other than our current understanding of judging is meant by Mt.7:1 and Lk.6:37.

Lk.6:37 "**Do not judge, and you will not be judged.** Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Jn:7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a **right judgment.**"

Jn.7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but **judge with righteous judgment.**"  
(compare w/Mt.7:1 & 2)

Rom.2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for **at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself**, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Rom.8:1 Therefore, there is now no **condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
(The word used here for condemnation can be translated Judgment.)

1Cor:2:15 The **spiritual man makes judgments about all things**, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:  
Christians are to make judgments about all things.

1Cor.5:12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? **Are you not to judge those inside?** 13 God will judge those outside. "**Expel the wicked man from among you.**"  
We are to judge those who sin in the church.

1Cor.6:2 Do you not know that **the saints will judge** the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that **we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!** 4 Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church!  
We are to judge matters of this life.

Heb.5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to **discern good and evil.**  
How can one discern without making judgments?

On the other hand, we are to be careful when assessing behaviors acceptable to our Lord, but which may seem questionable to us:

Romans 14:1-4 1 Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. 2 One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. 4 **Who are you to judge someone else's servant?** To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.