## "Do Not Judge"

~ Jesus Matthew 7:1



Do Not Judge One Another

Selected Scriptures

#9 in a series on the One Another Statements

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## Confusion.

- 1. From non-Christians about Christians.
- 2. From the Bible about God.

(Genesis 15:14; Deuteronomy 1:16; 1 Samuel 2:10; 3:13; Judges 11:27; Psalm 7:11; 50:6 John 3:17; 5:22, 30; 8:10-11, 15-16, 26; 12:47-48; Acts 17:31; 2 Timothy 4:1, 8; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Peter 4:5)

3. From the Bible about Christians.

(Matthew 7:1-2; Luke 6:37; 12:54-59; John 7:24; Romans 12:3; 14:1-4, 10, 13; 1 Corinthians 5:11-13; 6:2-3; 10:15; 11:13, 29; 2 Thessalonians 5:21-22)

## Clarification.

- 1. From the words used and reality. (for example, Matthew 7:1-5)
- 2. From the Bible.
  - a. Pulling together several key passages. (Matthew 7:1-5, 15-20; John 8:1-11)
  - b. Pulling together several key concepts.
    (Romans 12:3; 15:1-3; Galatians 1:6-9; Ephesians 4:14-16; 5:2; 1 Timothy 5:21; 2 Timothy 4:2; 2 John 1:7-11)

## In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday.** We know that many people think Christians are judgmental and hypocritical. What do you think, how do you respond when you hear or read those kinds of statements? Based on what we looked at yesterday and your own reflections, list some points (as specifically as you can) where you think those people have a point and also where they don't.

**Tuesday.** Review what we looked at on Sunday about clarifying what judging others means. What do you see as the main points in John 1:1-7, 15-20 and John 8:1-11? What are the differences between proper and necessary discernment and judgment and sinful judgment?

**Wednesday.** *Do not judge one another.* It has been suggested that judging one another might be the most popular *indoor sport* of some of God's people. Recall a situation where you felt or knew that someone was judging you or something you did. How did that feel? What did you think about that action and the person? Based on what we considered yesterday about judging, how do you evaluate that now? Thinking back to last week, is there anyone you need to forgive for judging you or someone close to you?

**Thursday.** Yesterday we looked at others judging us. Today let's turn the tables and think about our judging others. Are you, or do you tend to be judgmental? Can you think of a time when you incorrectly judged someone? If the person heard or heard about it, do you have any idea about how he/she felt? If not, how do you think that person might have felt if he/she had known? Is there anyone you need to ask to forgive you for that (that is, the person, others you told those things to)?

**Friday–Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at Colossians 3:1-11 and think about lying, what it actually is as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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