

THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY THAT

What the Bible Doesn't Say: "Judge not."

While the Bible does say in Matthew 7:1, "Do not judge," it is not meant, as some treat it, to be a blanket statement for all forms of judgement—as if we are all to mind our own business and never get involved in the lives of those around us. Jesus, in Matthew 7, is teaching against an inappropriate form of judgement. He's warning against hypocrisy. Do not judge others as if you have the authority of someone who is perfect.

John 7:24 NKJV Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

Titus 3:10 NKJV Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

1 John 4:1 NKJV Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 Corinthians 5:3 NKJV For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed.

Quote: "Jesus did not forbid judging; He condemned the wrong kind of judging."

Jay Adams

_____ unto others the way you would have them _____ unto you.

How then are we to judge? _____

_____ forbids me from minding my own business and walking away.

“ The Lord Jesus told the one who is passing judgement on another to first judge himself. He went on to say that he will be judged by the very same standards that he uses to judge others. This is a strong warning. It amounts to an application of the golden rule to the matter of judging.

Jay Adams, *The Christian Counselor's Commentary (Matthew)*

“ This inclination to discover and severely condemn the faults, real or imaginary, of others, while passing lightly over one's own frequently even more lamentable violations of God's holy law, was common among the Pharisees (Luke 18:9; John 7:49), and is common always and everywhere... The standard of judgment that you apply to others will be applied to you. If you judge without mercy, you will be judged without mercy. Similarly, if you judge kindly, you will be judged and treated kindly.

William Hendriksen, *New Testament Commentary (Matthew)*

